MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Churches Plan Series Services

Five Pastors Join to Hold Meetings in Five Churches Starting January 7th

Pastors of five Canyon churches will participate in a series of Religious Orientation Services similar to the popular series conducted here last January. Five pastors will conduct five services in five churches for five nights in January, beginning Monday, January 7th, at 7:30 in the Presbyterian church. The other services will be conducted at the Assembly of God, the First Christian, the First Baptist, and the Methodist churches. The theme for the week will be "What Christ can do."

Music for the week will be provided by the choir of each host church for the service in that church, and pastors will speak at other churches than their own. Members and friends of all churches in the county are invited to these services.

1945 Was One of the Driest Years in Randall County

Unless the weather man springs a surprise by sending a big snow before the end of December, 1945 will wind up as one of the dryest in the history of the Panhandle.

Only 11.90 inches of moisture has been registered in Canyon during the year. No moisture has been received since October 14.

The outlook for wheat is poor because of light fall moisture, which is considerably under normal for the county.

Tire Rationing Will Be Ended on January First

Tire rationing will come to an end on January 1, according to information released in Washington, D. C.

This will be the end of rationing throughout the nation, with the sole exception of sugar. It is reported that sugar rationing will continue throughout 1946 because of the shortage of this crop.

Work of the rationing board practically ended in Randall county in October when all of the records were moved to Amarillo, with the exception of tire rationing.

OPA will continue to function as to price ceilings until June 30, 1946, unless Congress abolishes this department of government.

Christmas Lights Appear At Various Homes in Canyon

After a blackout for four years during the war, Christmas lights appeared in scores of homes thruout Canyon this year.

Due to the shortage of bulbs there was no outside lighting, as in previous years when many homes put up extensive lighting systems.

Christmas decorations were very short, and citizens had to rely upon their hold-overs for their Christmas trees.

While the business houses of Canyon did not engage in extensive decorations, due to shortages, the town as a whole took on the Christmas spirit as reflected in decorations and lightings.

With the return of normal manufacturing facilities in 1946 it is predicted that there will be plenty of decorative materials and lights for Christmas of 1946.

New Officers to Head the C. of C.

Chamber of Commerce Will Be Expanded in Functions to Care for Future Development

The Canyon Chamber of Commerce will be reorganized at a meeting of citizens on Jan. 10. New officers and directors will be chosen at this meeting at the City Hall. On Jan. 24 a banquet will be held at which time the new officers will be installed and a program adopted for the coming year.

Under the new plan, sixteen directors will be selected. It is proposed to make this a county-wide organization, which will take in citizens of all parts of the county. Dr. S. H. Condron is working on a new constitution for the Chamber which will be presented at the Jan. 10 meeting. Directors will come from every part of the county under this plan. Dr. Condron, Clarence Thompson and Clyde Warwick have been named to select a group of new directors for submission to the meeting.

When the war started the Chamber of Commerce decided that operations would be limited to only essential activities, and that no new projects would be undertaken. Gordon Lyons was president at the time that he went into service. Vice President T. A. Black has been looking after the affairs of the Chamber while Mr. Lyons has been away.

With the opening of the new year there are many essential projects in Randall county which must be looked after. The Chamber will have a vital part in all of these operations.

Discounts on All Taxes Will Soon Be Discontinued

The last call is made for the payment of 1945 taxes in order to secure a discount.

The December discount of 1% will end on December 31.

There will be no discount on the payment of State and County taxes during January.

In view of the elections in Texas during 1946 all citizens are urged to pay their poll taxes before the end of January.

Gordon Lyons Back Home From Navy

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lyons arrived home Wednesday night. He was discharged from the navy and will resume his work with the Southwestern Public Service Co. He was manager of the local plant before entering the navy as an electrician.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyons are visiting at the home of relatives in Farwell and Portales during the holidays.

Mr. Lyons was president of the Canyon Chamber of Commerce when he entered the navy.

Mrs. Lee Foster and Sally left Friday for Childress where the Brewer family will have a family reunion at the parental J. A. Brewer home. Lee Foster will join them on Monday.

Work on the Court House is Nearing Point Completion

Work is progressing rapidly on remodeling of the court house.

Work on the district court room has been completed and this room looks like new construction.

Work is in prograss on the county court room. The ceiling of this large room has been lowered to 10 feet. A partition has been run through this room, which makes two adequate offices for some of the departments of the county. The space which has been cut off by lowering the ceiling is not being utilized for the present. Judge A. H. Hunt states that no definite provision has been made for the future use of these offices.

The woodwork and floors of the entire building are being worked over, and will be completed within a few weeks.

Pastors Plan High Attendance Day For January 6

At a meeting of Canyon pastors of five churches last week it was voted to set the first Sunday of 1946, January 6th, as a high attendance day for all the services in all the churches of Canyon.

One church has set a Sunday School attendance goal equal to that of the enrollment of the Sunday School. The News will be glad to give a report of the results of this day, and we express the hope that the weather will be suitable. All schools will again be in session, and that brings more than 1,600 students to Canyon during this week. There are thousands of people who ought to be in church services on January 6th, for many will want to "turn over a new leaf" for the new year.

Many reports from the South Pacific theater of war indicate the incalculable value of Christianity to our troops who were necessarily quartered among the South Sea Island natives, and had the missionaries not preceded them we might have lost the war, or at least have prolonged it many months at an additional cost of American lives. The Christian heritage of this land makes the suggestion of Canyon pastors most timely for the beginning of 1946. Let's go to church the first Sunday, and then keep it up all the year!

STORK SPECIALS

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher Brown on Dec. 11.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lacy on Dec. 14.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harding on Dec. 15.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frank on Dec. 17.

IN AMARILLO HOSPITALS

Kay Worth Jennings, surgery.
Elbert Hartman, surgery.

MOTHERS-IN-LAW TO MEET

The Mother-in-Law Club will meet on January 3 at 3:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. McCrerey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Murray, Mrs. Henry Blackburn and daughter, Lynn, left Saturday for Anson to spend the holidays with Mrs Murray's mother, Mrs R. J. Earnest.

Contracts To Be Let on Highways

Farm-to-Market Road East to Wayside Will Be Started Early in New Year

The farm-to-market road from Highway 87 east to Wayside will be constructed early in 1946, according to present plans of the State Highway Commission.

This was the first approved road in Randall county under the new program for farm-to-market construction. It is believed that a contract will be let on this road early in the year. The road extends east from Highway 87 just south of Ralph. It will go through Randall county to the Armstrong county line, and extend into that county as far as Wayside.

This road was selected by the District Engineer after a careful check of country road traffic in Randall county.

Widening the highway from Canyon to Amarillo will start soon in the year. Grade stakes have been set on this construction. This highway carries the heaviest traffic in the Panhandle. While the State Highway Commission has planned for a three-lane highway between Canyon and Amarillo, various organizations in this section have urged that it be made a four-lane highway in order to care for the future development in this section.

Hereford Asks to Have Prison Camp For Aggie Work

According to information from Hereford, citizens of that town have petitioned the government to give the War Prison Camp located southwest of Hereford to Deaf Smith county as the site for an experiment station.

If the grant is made, West Texas State will be asked to participate in the management of the station.

The camp has been used for Italian war prisoners, and at one time nearly 4,000 such prisoners were located at the camp. Randall county farmers were able to secure the services of these prisoners for harvest purposes during the war.

Mrs. Fannie Ratts Died Saturday; Funeral Monday

Mrs. Fannie Catherine Ratts, 78 years old, died Saturday night at her home in Canyon where she had lived for the past year. She came to Amarillo in 1928 where she lived until moving to Canyon. She was the widow of Dr. R. P. Ratts, who died in 1924.

Survivors are a step-daughter, Dr. Ethel Livingston of Dunlo, Penn., and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon with Clinton V. Oldham, minister of West Amarillo Church of Christ, officiating. The body will be sent to Paris, Ill., for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Patterson left Thursday for Corsicana to spend Christmas after having spent 10 days in the parental C. A. Pierle home. After the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson will return to Washington, D. C. where Mr. Patterson, who is recently discharged from the Army, will enter the University and Mrs. Patterson will resume her work.

Mrs. L. S. Baker returned Wednesday from having spent several weeks in Austin with her daughter, Mrs. Branch Archer, who had been seriously injured in an automobile wreck. Mrs. Archer has recovered her ability to walk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schultz have moved to La Junta, Colorado where Mr. Schultz is ticket agent for the Santa Fe Railroad. Mr. Schultz has recently been discharged from the army. Mrs. Schultz will be remembered as Charlotte Beth Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Harrison are here from San Diego to spend the holidays. Mr. Harrison will return Tuesday to resume his duties in the navy, while Mrs. Harrison will remain to visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Sligar.

Misses Bettye and Frankie Phillips are home from Denton where they are attending Texas College for Women. They are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Phillips.

A Season of Peace and good will in the homes of America.

Many Business Improvements Will Be Made in Canyon Early in 1946

Many New Residences Will Be Constructed if Material and Labor Available

A large number of improvements will be completed in Canyon as the New Year opens.

The extensive improvements on Warren's is nearing completion. A new floor will be placed throughout the building in the near future. This work was deferred until after the rush of the holidays.

Sam Hill has under construction an addition to his implement business on Fifth Avenue. The feed store will be moved to this new location.

Work has proceeded rapidly on the three new buildings at the northeast corner of the square. The office of Harden & Heath has progressed to the nearest point of completion. The east half of this building will be occupied by the Mickle Barber Shop.

Carl Hair's new cafe building will be completed early in the year.

The third building is being erected by J. D. Barker and will be occupied by Jennings Bros. Worth's Shoe Shop will be moved to this new location. A full line of gents' furnishings will be added. Jack Jennings will be associated with his brother, Worth, in this business.

Material is being assembled for the construction of a new building by Cooper's "M" System on the corner lot.

The addition to Bill's Steak House has been completed, which doubles the capacity for this cafe.

Mrs. S. M. Schneider has a new Tourist Court under construction at Third Avenue and Highway 87. This will be ready for occupancy early in the year.

W. J. Wooten has started construction on his second picture show near the campus of West Texas State. Materials will begin to move to the location when they become available.

If building materials become available there will be many business improvements early in 1946.

There will probably be a score or more of residences erected in the early part of the year if materials become available.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Money and children of Pampa are spending the holidays at the parental W. J. Hinkle home. Mr. Money received his discharge from the Marine Corps last week, arriving home Thursday. He has not decided what work he will engage in after the holidays.

Dick and E. W. Woods are visiting friends and relatives in Canyon. E. W. has recently been discharged from the Navy. They call Pittsburg, Calif., home now.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin E. Hinkle and sons are spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Hinkle's mother in Abilene.

Lt. Hudson Prichard will leave Wednesday to return to his post with the Army Air Force at Salem, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robinson arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays in the parental C. A. Pierle home.

Buffs Split Bill At Kansas City

Defeated National Champs But Lost Saturday Night to Valparaiso University

The Buffalo basketball team won the first game Friday night at Kansas City when it defeated the National Intercollegiate Champs of 1944, but lost Saturday night to Valparaiso University.

Loyola University of New Orleans had back its first string of players to meet the Buffs Friday night. This team had won the National Championship last year, and was slated to repeat this year. However, the Buffs were not sold short by Kansas fans, who remembered the record which was piled up year after year by the Buffs. The Buffs won 60 to 47, leading most of the way throughout the game.

The Buffs were up against another veteran team Saturday night from Valparaiso University in Indiana. This team won 21 of its 24 games last year and averaged 6 feet 5 inches in heighth.

The Buffs lost 34 to 51 against this sensational team. The Buffs were decidedly off form from their game of Friday night.

J. W. Malone, all-American of last year, and the shortest man on the Buffalo team, was again a sensation in the tournament.

The Buffs will open the Border Conference campaign in Canyon on January 4 when the New Mexico University will be met at Burton gym. The team will meet New Mexico Mines in Canyon on the following night. The first real test of the Border Conference will come on January 8 when the Buffs play Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Sheffy left Saturday for Vernon where they are spending the holidays at the Dillehay home.

Have You ? ? ? ? Overlooked Your ? ? Subscriptions ? ? ?

Have you overlooked renewal of your subscription to your weekly and daily newspapers?

We have notice from the Amarillo News that renewals of subscriptions will be received up to Jan. 15 at the Holiday rate of $10.00 per year. Both the Canyon News and Amarillo News for $11.50 per year.

After Jan. 15 the rate will be $12.00 per year for the Amarillo News. The only new subscriptions that will be taken by the Amarillo News are for returned veterans. If you allow your subscription to expire, you will be cut off the list of the Amarillo News, with no chance for subscribing until print paper becomes available.

The Canyon News is not troubled with paper shortage or rationing.

Japanese Student Writes of Good to Nation From American Invasion

Lt. Commander, USNR, R. M. Cavness, brother of Mrs. Tom Knighton, sent his sister a most interesting essay accompanied by his own comments.

Commander Cavness writes: "This is an essay written in the form of a letter by a student in the 6th Higher School (about our high school senior or college freshman—their schools are organized in a crazy manner, just as is everything else) in a contest sponsored by the Bodo Press, our Japanese daily daily newspaper in Okayama.

"I think it is remarkable to come from a city which was 63% destroyed by a fire raid (29th June) but since the heart of the city and nearly all business houses, factories and utilities were destroyed, it really was 90% destroyed according to effectiveness.

"Even most of the hospital connected with Okoyama Medical University was destroyed, burning 80 patients.

"But this essay really represents the attitude of the people as we see them in our dealings. They are most cooperative! (Before we ever used the atomic bomb, after having seen this part of Japan and receiving reports from other parts, I am convinced that Japan was already really out of the war! And we just MUST find a way to settle our international differences without having another war!

"The people here have certainly had a forceful object lesson about 'sneak attacks' and are suffering greatly. They have insufficient charcoal, no salt in two years; children 5 years old have never seen candy; don't know what it is.

"It may be that these people are 'taking me for a ride.' Only time will tell, but just now I do not think so."

Following is the essay:

"Dear Soldiers of the Occupation Forces:

"One of the most absorbing topics in Japan now, I think, is that on the Occupation Forces. One soldier is admired for offering his seat to a poor old woman in a car; another is much spoken of because he plays with little children. Everything they say and do seem to please us, for it is very different from what we were told during the war about the Americans.

"The U. S. soldiers are so popular that young Japanese are highly delighted to be spoken to by them. They are loved and respected so much that they are welcomed everywhere with a smile. My father said the other day that America's victory over Japan was due not only to its strength, but to its moral superiority.

"To our shame, some of our soldiers did much wrong in China and other countries. So when the war ended, those who feared they would have long years of suffering, because the Allied Forces would repay by inflicting pain upon all the Japanese, hid their food underground and sent their daughters into the country.

"An American Admiral once said: 'To make the Japanese unlearn militarism and realize the value of democracy, America's assistance will be of more use than tons of paper.' His words have proved true. General MacArthur's generous attitude and the praiseworthy conduct of his army have done more than they would have done by oppression in converting the thoughts and feeling of our countrymen. The Supreme Commander has won our hearts by his noble character.

"At first the Japanese received the general and his troops with a kind of aloofness, cautiousness and coolness; none of us smiled on them. The ice is broken. We are willing to obey him, whatever he may say. We have come to believe that the Occupation Forces are not our foes, but our friends who are anxious to make us happy, and that they stay in Japan, not

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Christmas Joy!

ONCE AGAIN THE Yuletide season offers a welcome opportunity to extend cordial greetings and best wishes to all those whose friendship and patronage we have enjoyed during the year. May we express our appreciation of your consideration . . . and our best wishes for your continued happiness.

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Editorials

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Years ago when the brilliant Dana guided the destinies of the New York Sun, he received the following note from eight-year-old Virginia O'Halon:

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in the Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

The following editorial reply appeared in the Sun the next day:

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then; no poetry; no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor man can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not. But that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You can tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view the picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

WE GIVE THANKS

This will be the merriest Christmas the United States has enjoyed in several years. Many families will be reunited, and the problems of the coming year will be forgotten for a few days. The holiday spirit will be further lifted by an abundance of food.

Merchants the country over are stocking shelves with the best that can be produced. The manager of one retail food organization asserts that, "Items on which we are buying heavily include nuts, fruit cake, canned mincemeat, pumpkins, cranberries, dried fruits, glazed fruits, fancy cheese, packaged dressing, gelatin, olives, soups, tea, coffee, fruit and vegetable juices, candy, beverages, crackers, boxed apples, and tobaccos."

Such a rich array of good things in a country not yet six months beyond conclusion of the worst war in history, emphasizes how little the average American has suffered and how much he has to be thankful for. The production and distribution machinery of our nation was never destroyed as it was in other lands. Transportation has continued without interruption, and hundreds of thousands of retail outlets of every sort are doing their utmost to satisfy customers. In fact, from the consumer clear back to factory, farm, and mine, the machinery by which we live, nothwithstanding strikes and other interruptions, is running with an effectiveness that should soon make a mockery of claims for continued government controls in the name of shortages.

FORGET YESTERDAY

People persist in comparing the present era with that following the first World War. Actually there is very little to compare and the sooner this is realized, the sooner the government can approach problems as they exist today, particularly in the field of taxation and government debt. In the latter, the comment of the president of a large life insurance company is significant:

"At the end of the first war, the Federal debt had, it is true, risen to what then seemed staggering figures—from roughly one billion in 1916 to 25 billions in 1919. Large as this total was, it still was not of overpowering significance as compared with other forms of debt, for it represented less than one-fifth of the total of all forms of public and private debt of the country.

"By contrast, at the end of the Victory Drive in 1945 the Federal debt will be approximately 280 billions. Accustomed as we are to huge figures, it is almost impossible to understand the fullest implications of this enormous Federal debt. We are in the forest and cannot see over the trees—but we do know that government debt is now over twice as large as all other forms of debt combined, including state and municiple obligations.

"Here is another significant comparison: In 1919 the U. S. government debt was only about one-third the size of all the bonds, notes and mortgages of industry, farms and real estate. Today the Federal debt, instead of being only one-third, is almost three times the size of all forms of private debt."

LABOR PEACE IS POSSIBLE

Experience has shown that it is possible to set up legal guideposts that can effectively curb strikes. Donald R. Richberg, co-author of the Railway Labor Act, believes: "The way to prevent strikes is to establish, first, a duty imposed by law upon both employers and employees to make every reasonable effort to settle any differences by negotiation between representatives duly authorized to act in behalf of the respective parties. The law should also provide that, until peaceful effort to settle labor controversies has been exhausted, neither party shall take any one-sided action to change conditions or to gain an advantage over the other.

"If peaceful negotiations between authorized representatives fail to settle a dispute, either party should be able to invoke the aid of a government mediator. If mediation fails, there should be a full opportunity for a voluntary arbitration by an impartial board. If negotiation and mediation fail and voluntary arbitration is refused by one or both parties, and if the dispute threatens serious injury to substantial public interests, there should be appointed a government fact-finding commission to hear the parties and to make recommendations for the settlement of the dispute. The law should also provide that, during all these procedures through which a peaceful settlement should be sought, there shall be no strike or lockout or other dictatorial act by either party.

"What I have been outlining is not a theoretical scheme for preserving industrial peace. It is the practical way in which peace has been preserved on the American railroads for over 19 years. . . ."

FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

The first Christmas card was printed in lithography, colored by hand in 1846 by Joseph Cudnall, a London artist.

The Christmas card came from the English custom of calling "Merry Christmas," then later of writing congratulatory letters.

The early Christian converts transferred the old pagan rite and ceremonies into their Christmas festivities.

The hanging up of mistletoe and the burning of the Yule log are two of the most ancient customs which come from our pagan ancestors.

There are Scandinavian, French and ancient Egyptian legends which claim to have given the Christmas tree to the world.

The first authentic mention of a Christmas tree is the one in Strasburg, Germany, 1605.

In a Scandinavian myth on certain nights there were flaming lights in a tree which the wind could not extinguish. From this came the idea of candles to light the Christmas tree.

Christmas cakes, iced cookies and other goodies are survivals of the old custom of giving confectionery gifts to the Senators of Rome.

The giving of gifts to the poor originated with the belief that the Christ Child sometimes came to the door as a beggar.

Santa Claus came to America from Holland and the hanging up of stockings developed from placing the wooden shoes upon the hearth. There is also an Italian practice where the fairy Bafana fills the stockings of the good children with gifts and the naughty children receive only ashes.

The pagan custom of exchanging gifts on New Year's day was transferred to our Christmas.

The singing of Christmas carols originated in England. According to tradition, this is the chorus of the very first: "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth, Peace, Good Will Toward Men."

The Christmas wreath represents the crown of thorns, and the berries the drops of blood.

After all, nothing beats "MERRY CHRISTMAS," when it comes from the heart.

A lot of people want to be cared for and a lot of people want the jobs of taking care of those who want to be cared for. I would rather have 100% of my wages and my liberty, and take care of myself, and then I would not have to take care of the fellow who is taking care of me.—Anonymous.

"Oh, I like the scenery around here," observed the vacationist. "But the people up here are queer."

"Wa-al, yes, that's so," replied the New England farmer. "But one good thing, most of them go back home about September."

A painting by Zeuxis, Greek painter of the 5th Century, B. C. was so realistic that it is said that birds pecked at the grapes.

Every time we see pictures of ships being christened we wonder how hard they have to hit them with that big bottle in order to knock them into the water.

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Switzerland Kept Xmas for Refugees

Switzerland "kept" Christmas last year for the 20,000 refugee children who were being cared for within her borders as Europe celebrated its sixth wartime Christmas.

From France and Belgium, from Holland, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and far distant Greece they had come—many of them orphans, many children without a country—traversing Europe by circuitous routes. Guided by peasants, Red Cross workers, Wehrmacht guards, and older children they arrived on foot, herded in cattle cars, traveling in groups.

Toys for refugee tots.

A fraction of the millions of innocent victims of World War II, these refugee children were supposed to remain only two or three months so as to give other youngsters a chance to recuperate in neutral Switzerland. But in many cases, repatriation was delayed—parents were scattered or dead, battles still raged in areas whence the children had come, so they were allowed to remain and Switzerland, crowding them to her bosom, welcomed many, many others.

Help Keep Canyon Clean!

Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys demanded the surrender of Fort Ticonderoga, on May 10, 1775, "in the name of the Great Jehova and the Continental Congress."

From a village newspaper: "Due to the shortage of paper, a number of births will be postponed until next week.

The real name of the famous artist Tintoretto was Jacopo Robusti. He was called Tintoretto, meaning little dyer, because of his father's trade.

"Did you find much poverty during your trip across the continent?"

"Yes, indeed. There was so much I even brought some along home with me."

Some people will never let go of a helping hand.

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THE SOFT GLOW OF CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Brings to our minds the true value of friendships—and leads us to ponder over the many deeds of kindness that have been extended us in the past.

We are indebted to you for these kindnesses and the thoughtfulness back of them, and desire to extend compliments of the Season to you, one and all!

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NUTHIN'S TOO GOOD FOR MY WIFE'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT SINCE SHE STARTED BAKING WITH GLADIOLA FLOUR!
MY WIFE'S MAKING GLADIOLA BISCUITS, DUMPLINGS AND A MINCE PIE. BOY! WILL OUR CHRISTMAS BE MERRY!
CAN'T WE DECORATE TH' TREE WITH GLADIOLA BISCUITS, POP?
TO BRIGHTEN EVERY BAKING HOUR JUST BAKE WITH GLADIOLA FLOUR!
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ALL I WANT IS A MILLION GLADIOLA PIES, SANTA!!
YOU C'N FILL MY STOCKING WITH THOSE YUM-YUMMY GLADIOLA BISCUITS!
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CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

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Change Made in Celebrating Day

New Year's became a holiday long after the American custom of New Year's calls, which justify its observance, had gone the way of the hoop skirt and the polka. There is nothing American about the carnival-like merrymaking which nowadays welcomes the New Year. Or can it be that even this is a metamorphosis of the watchnight meeting of 40 years or more ago? To deacons and elders, to all anxious heads of families, it used to seem fitting to spend the last three hours of the year in singing lugubrious hymns and giving thanks that they had been singled out for preservation when so many had been removed by an equally discerning providence.

Ring in the New Year.

But to the young the watchnight meeting was always a dreary service, only to be endured in view of the joys of the morrow. And when the life and color were taken out of the observance of New Year's itself, there seemed little sense in ushering in a day of gloom with a still gloomier New Year's Eve. So they left the watchmeeting to those who found no more pleasure in their days, and for themselves introduced the practice now generally prevalent of indulging in a last fling in preparation for the morrow's disagreeable business of turning over a new leaf.

They have revived the old pagan ceremony, except that no miniature skeletons are passed around at the feast to remind them that they are mortal. Nothing in this modern New Year's Eve abandon, however, commends it as a substitute for the old gracious custom of paying and receiving calls, a custom for which desuetude was hastened by the prodigious growth of the large cities in the 25 years following the Civil war.

Make Your Own Yuletide Wreaths

It's Fun for All and Offers Chances for Clever Designs.

COLORFUL homemade decorations that lend gaiety to the Christmas tree and help out any lack of store trimmings can be made from such commonplace things as egg shells, peanuts, pine cones, squashes and colored paper.

Eggshell trinkets offer a variety of decorative possibilities. The shells can be salvaged from family baking days by running a darning needle through the shell at both ends and blowing out the contents. If necessary the holes can be enlarged so that a bright-colored string with a knot in the end can be run through the egg, so that it may be strung gaily on the tree.

Before stringing on the tree, shells may be colored all the hues of the rainbow, as at Easter time. Or designs in pencil on the shell may be made in the form of scrolls, leaves or figures. The designs may be filled in with colors, outlined with black crayons. Christmas seals pasted on white eggshells will be bright and shiny. Colored confetti dots can likewise be used on the eggs.

Peanut dolls to hang on the tree can be made by stringing suitable sizes together and tying the cord tightly to keep them in shape. They can be painted gold or silver or any other color that will liven the tree and give the little folks a part in the decorative scheme.

A half-dozen star Santas swinging from the tree will add interest. Make some five-pointed stars from heavy paper. Paste a Santa head onto the top point and design white mittens on the next two, draw a belt and it's done. Run a string through Santa's hat and tie to a branch.

Small green squashes painted with shellac or varnish so they will retain their freshness can be either tied to the tree or arranged around the base.

Pine cones tied with ribbons and perhaps a bell and painted white or silver for make-believe frost are perfect for suspending from the tree.

James Gibb of England invented the game called table tennis, now known as ping pong.

Happy Birthday

December 28th—
Theresa Nell Smith
Mrs. Bill Smith
Marsene Penick Ford
Alice Kuehn
December 29th—
Mrs. J. M. Breitling
Mrs. Herschel Coffee
Frieda Menke
Thomas Boling
Mrs. Victor Steen
Mrs. Lee Montague
December 30th—
Joe Cook
Earl Gene Peppard
Frances Louise Standley
Neil Kilchriste
December 31st—
Morton Angel
Bill Knighton
A. H. Prichard
Mary Lange
Raymond LaCour
M. E. Cantrell
L. A. Pierce
Billy Neal McMillan
C. E. Boling
William Eldon McCarter, Jr.
Walter Boehning
January 1st—
Tommy Hunter
Mrs. Frank Stackhaus
Mrs. Emma L. Foster
Mary Koenig
Billy Thomas
O. F. Meyers
Mrs. Bertie Strain
Virginia Lynn Blackburn
Mrs. Walter Graham
Merle Gean Bullard
January 2nd—
Ruth Price
Billy Oscar Gano
Mrs. Ed Bagott
G. W. Johnson
Bradford Black
Mary Ruth Hill
Harold Root
C. W. Fewell
Herschel Coffee
January 3rd—
George Nance
Mrs. Jessie Parker
Hudson Prichard, Jr.
C. N. Harrison, Jr.
Juanell Campbell
Mrs. M. C. DeGraffenried
Mrs. T. S. Maxwell

Lacrosse, known earlier as baggataway, is the oldest game played on the North American continent.

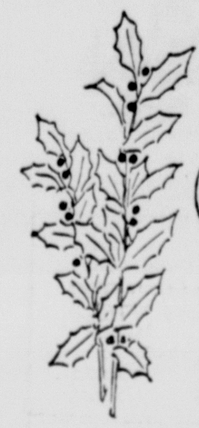
Burgomaster, 1300 pound two-year-old race horse, was the largest horse that ever trod a race track.

A large German flag once flown in Leipsig has been placed in the Texas Memorial Museum in Austin.

His dad admonished him to never let grass grow under his feet—so he joined the navy.

He's a lucky man who has a wife and a cigarette lighter, and both working.

If it were the style women would smile at the graves of their husbands.



Season's Greetings

FROM

M. E. MOSES CO.

FOR A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS

We are happy to offer our best wishes to each of you for the most cheerful Christmas you have ever experienced. It is with reverent appreciation of all the blessings that have been made possible by friendships of long standing, that we extend our best wishes for your happiness on this Christmas day and every day of the coming year.

K. & B. TRUCK LINE

Rhome Mobley, Owner Phone 259

Season's Greetings

WE ARE GRATEFUL AT CHRISTMASTIME

In the excitement and hurry of the Christmas Season, it is difficult to see all one's friends even for a moment, to extend Yuletide Greetings. We do not wish to overlook any of our many friends at this glad time of the year so we are taking this means of wishing each of you a Merry Christmas; to acknowledge your many kindnesses and favors and to thank you for all you have done for us.

May good fortune follow you throughout the coming twelve months.

ALBERT BROWN

Milk Route

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

With a friendly wish for your happiness throughout the New Year.

And a genuine "thank you" for your courtesies of the past year.

CLYDE DAVIS

Distributor

GULF OIL CORPORATION

Season's Greetings

PALACE CAFE

As we eagerly await the coming of this all-important event, Christmas, we want to take inventory of ourselves to see if there are some ways in which we can improve the scope of our service to our friends.

It is our aim to improve our usefulness in every way possible for the benefit of our customers. In setting this policy as our goal for the coming year, we are remembering your kindnesses during the past year.

May we extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you and wish you all the joys of a happy Yuletide.

A JOYOUS NOEL

S. & H. Green Stamps given on cash purchases and on monthly accounts when paid on or before the 10th of month.

Bellah's Food Store

West Side of Square Phone 80

GREETINGS

AND SINCERE GOOD WISHES

FOR YOUR HEALTH AND
HAPPINESS
AT CHRISTMASTIME AND THE NEW YEAR.

We are looking forward to serving you during the next twelve months as enthusiastically as we did last year. In appreciation of your past patronage we promise to make even greater efforts to serve you more efficiently in the future.

GEO. SMALL

Building Contractor

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

J. J. WALKER DRUG STORE

NOEL, CHRISTMAS, OR YULETIDE!

Thanks For All Past Favors

Call it what you may—it's still the most glorious occasion of them all. May its glory light your way throughout the New Year.

ALLEN & BLACK

R. E. BALL

Continental Oil Co. Represnetative

TRAIL DUST

By Douglas Meador

Night has unloaded its shadows along the cold slab of concrete where the whining wheels of hurrying automobiles sliced away thin pieces of space. A crimson cloud, hanging like a blazing curtain, was all that remained of the day. A brown tumbleweed, with the north wind's weight in its dry sails, rolled slowly toward the patient wharf of a barbed wire fence. The little grey dog, near the edge of the pavement, did not look up. The animal's eyes were fastened on the red cloud in the west. Prone on the gravel before its paws, lay the motionless body of another dog. There was a dark stain on the up-turned side of the crushed head, and a thin trail leading to the flagging. Wheels continued to slap the concrete, and life moved its strange freight past the mountain of time while the dog kept a hopeless vigil. Devotion is not measured with the passing of a day.

With the light of camp-fires on their faces, old cowboys used to tell of the ride which the hard, lean rider made in the fury of a blizzard. Death breathed in the wind and left cattle rigid in graves of sudden snow, but he spurred his horse through the storm and returned to the line-camp with a doctor who saved his companion's life. The story is a part of the cattle country's dramatic saga. Snow continues to fall on the same rolling prairie when winter moves in on the range, but old men who once wore spurs on their heels, vow the weather is milder. Life is milder, too. Not long ago the son of the cowboy who risked his life with a blizzard, crossed the course his father had taken. He rode behind the wheel of a heated automobile which pulled a trailer bearing his horse. Streamlined steel protected the animal from the freezing torch of winter wind.

When ambition loses its heart to work, Cupid replaces an arrow in his quiver and seeks a hunting refuge in which idleness is better protected.

Ghosts of childhood haunted the streets, unchanged since I walked them in tight, mail-order shoes and wearing a thin, cheap suit which produced no satisfaction for my vain nature. I remembered summer days when I had walked the same sidewalks in my bare feet, wearing overalls, a blue shirt and straw hat. Old hopes were there and fragments of my heart. My memory walked on crushed shells from which a boy's dreams had been emptied.

It is pleasant to see clean washing swaying in the wind, like the tranquil sails of little boats which may have sufficient happiness in their cargoes.

There is a long stretch of highway that follows a high divide, over which I drive at regular intervals. It is a straight and lonely road at night but always there is a small, blue star which hangs in a corner of my windshield. Shining from its high shelf on the far wall of space, it has become symbolic of life's constant treasures; beauty, truth and the laughter of a child. Some nights the star is hidden by clouds but there is comfort in the knowledge that it will reappear when they are gone away.

Riding out of the north one winter afternoon, the man stopped at our windmill and broke the ice for his horse to drink. He stroked a grey mustache before putting the cigarette between his lips, then asked the road to town. He had lost his cattle on a northern range and was returning to start anew. Defeat had failed to scar his face; his eyes were windows from which the light of hope had not failed to shine. Penniless, he still seemed wealthy, like a fertile field awaiting another planting.

Love is a laughing river that flows across Life's otherwise barren plain. On its shores are the flowers of sacrifice which sends perfume thru the gates of paradise.

We should not weigh another's faults without first weighing the worth of his aquaintances who have sufficient time in which to record them.

There are five zones of climate on the earth—the torrid, north temperate, south temperate, north frigid and south frigid zones.

Chicago's 25-story Merchandise Mart, with its more than four million square feet of floor space, is the world's largest commercial building.

Men who hid themselves in swamps during the Civil War, to avoid being drafted into the Southern Army, were called "Mossbacks."

Washington, D. C. has not always been the capital of the United States. New York and Philadelphia were first.

An ultimatum offered in 1775 to England by the American Colonies was called the Olive Branch Petition. It was rejected.

Christmas QUIZ

1. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana, (b) New York, (c) California, (d) Texas. ☐
2. The poinsettia plant owes its name to (a) Stanley Coulter, (b) Howard E. Enders, (c) James Madison, (d) Joel Roberts Poinsett. ☐
3. Mothers in America are overwhelmingly agreed that they (a) should, (b) should not teach their children to believe in Santa Claus. ☐
4. The nation's Christmas tree was dedicated on Christmas day (a) 1918, (b) 1925, (c) 1935, (d) 1940. ☐
5. If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there will be (a) good, (b) medium, (c) bad crops the following year. ☐
6. A warm Christmas gives a (a) cold, (b) warm, (c) hot, (d) cool Easter. ☐
7. There are (a) 4, (b) 100, (c) 450, (d) 800 varieties of mistletoe grown in the various parts of the world. ☐
8. The mistletoe is the state flower of (a) Florida, (b) Delaware, (c) Oklahoma, (d) Mississippi. ☐
9. New England mistletoe is so small that botanists overlooked it until (a) 1776, (b) 1871, (c) 1900, (d) 1930. ☐
10. Rings of mistletoe were worn around the neck to prevent sickness in (a) Denmark, (b) France, (c) Spain, (d) Sweden. ☐

ANSWERS:

1. (c) California.
2. (d) Joel Roberts Poinsett.
3. (a) Should.
4. (b) 1925.
5. (a) Good.
6. (a) Cold.
7. (d) 800.
8. (c) Oklahoma.
9. (b) 1871.
10. (d) Sweden.

Rating—90-100, a genius; 80-90, excellent; 70-80, good; 50-70, fair; less than 50, you be the judge.

Each correct answer counts a score of 10 points. Correct your own answers.

OUR WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS

May Christmas and the New Year bring genuine happiness and joy to everyone and may it bring the fulfillment of your every wish and ambition.

Canyon Tailoring Co.

Holiday Greetings

As we come to the close of another year, it is our sincere hope that the friendliness that has marked our associations in the past will continue and grow stronger as the years go by.

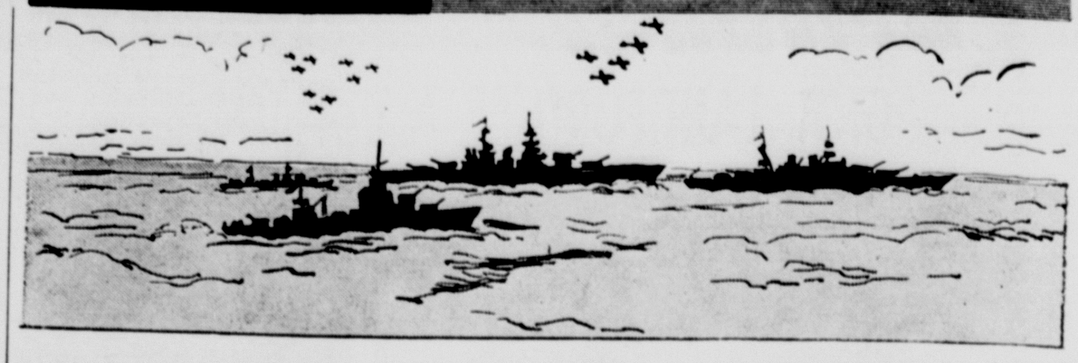
Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE BUFFALO DRUG

"Where You Always Meet A Friend"

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

MAY THE NEW YEAR HOLD FOR YOU
☆ ☆ THE BEST OF EVERYTHING ☆ ☆
THAT PEACE AND FREEDOM BRING



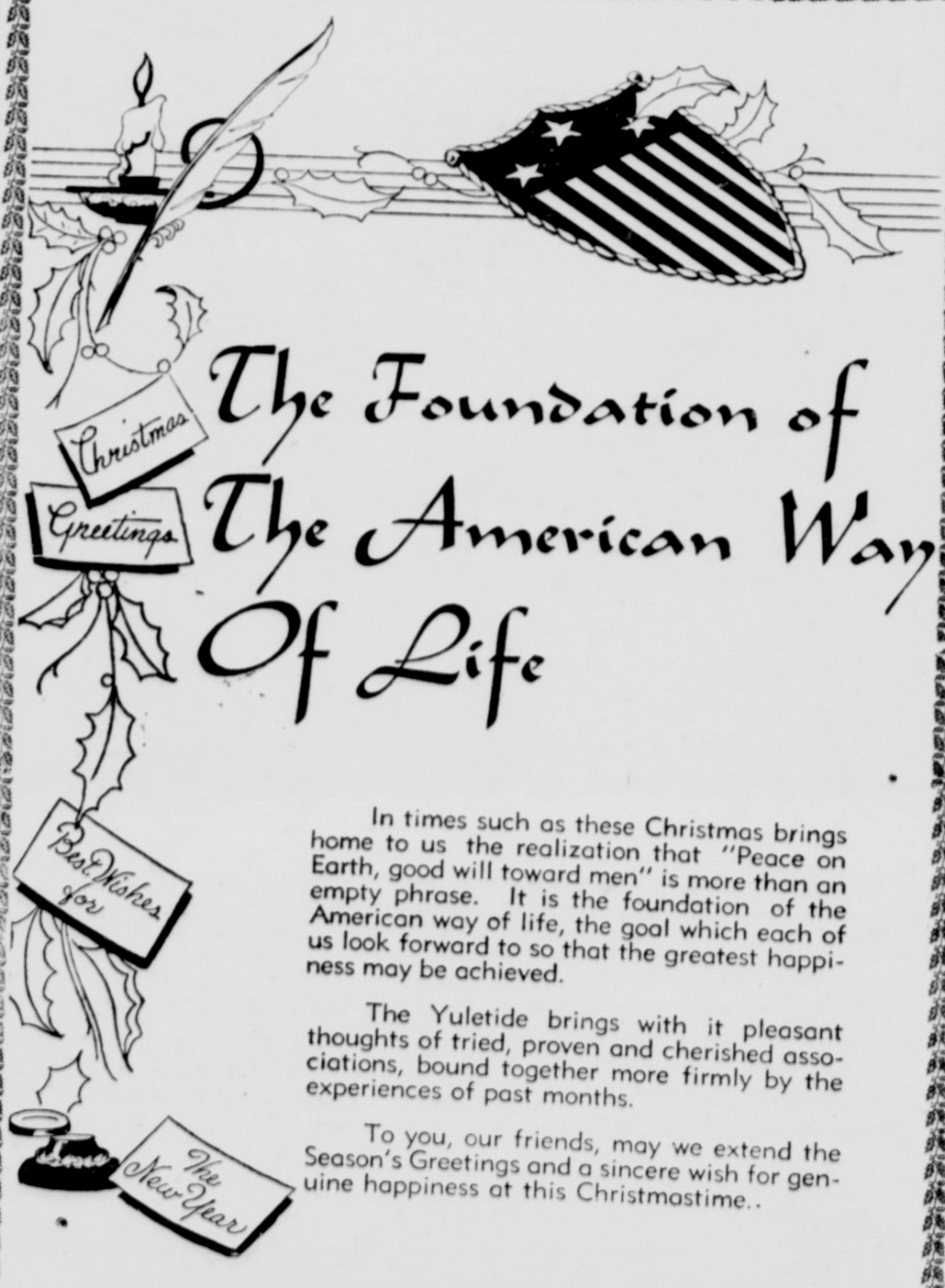
Canyon Drug

"UNEXCELLED PRESCRIPTION SERVICE"

Greetings

FOR CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR

BOB'S COFFEE SHOP



The Foundation of The American Way Of Life

In times such as these Christmas brings home to us the realization that "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" is more than an empty phrase. It is the foundation of the American way of life, the goal which each of us look forward to so that the greatest happiness may be achieved.

The Yuletide brings with it pleasant thoughts of tried, proven and cherished associations, bound together more firmly by the experiences of past months.

To you, our friends, may we extend the Season's Greetings and a sincere wish for genuine happiness at this Christmastime..

MYERS FARM EQUIPMENT COMPANY

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A Gift for You

Not much, to be sure, but presented with all the sincerity we know, this little gift of Christmas Greetings.

It's not wrapped up in a lot of fancy ribbon, nor expressed in a lot of flowery oratory . . . but you can be assured that when we send compliments of the Season to you, we mean every word of it.

It's great to be a part of this community, to know and serve its people. That's why we eagerly look forward to sending our annual message of Good Cheer to our friends here.

A. B. HOLT

Rural Telephone and Electric Current on Same Wires

First public tests of the rural power-line carrier telephone system, in which the same wires carry telephone calls and electric power at the same time, were started this week near Jonesboro, Ark., according to A. O. Thomas, District Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

It is expected that eventually this system will provide another method of extending telephone service to thousands of additional farms, Thomas said.

The Jonesboro tests, involving four users, are being made cooperatively by engineers of the Bell System and of the Rural Electrification Administration. They will be followed within a few weeks by a similar experiment at Selma, Ala., over facilities of the Alabama Power Company.

Laboratory work and field tests of the power-line carrying system, begun in 1838 but discontinued during the war, were resumed last summer, Mr. Thomas said. He emphasized that further tests together with experience in installing and maintaining these systems must, of course, precede quantity production and general use.

Early this year Southwestern Bell announced a five-year program to provide rural telephone service to 165,000 additional farms. Extension of present telephone lines and the construction of new wire lines will serve thousands of new users, Thomas explained. However, it may be more economical in many areas to use power-line carrier than to extend telephone lines, and, in a few remote locations, radio-telephone systems may be best. Local conditions will determine the kind of system to use.

In outward appearance the power-line carrier telephone is much like the usual hand instrument. There is an additional box containing special electronic tubes to produce a high frequency current which carries the voice over the power wires.

On the pole outside the subscriber's home is a "Coupler," through which the carrier current enters or leaves the power line, but which bars the power current from entering the telephone instrument. Somewhat similar equipment is used at the telephone exchange end of the power line. Over such a system a person can call anyone on his line, on another carrier system, or on any telephone line.

Santa Claus Is Bearer of Gifts In Many Lands

Mothers of America are overwhelmingly agreed that parents should teach their children to believe in Santa Claus.

At least that is the conclusion drawn from a recent opinion poll by a leading woman's magazine.

One of the women polled made an answer typical of many: "Belief in Santa Claus is one of the beautiful wonders of childhood. It gives us a period in which dreams come true and anything is possible."

Christmas is like heaven on earth for the very young, the magazine points out. But as America moves from war to peace, there is an inevitable emphasis on reality and truth. No one wants to fool or be

They knew he would come.

fooled. Therefore, should even happy myths be promoted?

Should children still be taught to believe in Santa Claus? Should they enjoy all the magic of childhood while they can, including the traditional myths, or should they be told the truth in preparation for the adult world they must some day face?

Considering these questions, the opinion poll asked a group of women representing a cross-section of millions of American homes, "Do you think parents should teach their children to believe in Santa Claus?"

The response was decisively affirmative. More than 87 per cent of the women voted "yes."

"If a child thinks of Santa as a man there will be eventual disillusionment," commented one woman. "But Santa portrayed as the spirit of giving remains a beautiful idea." Another woman pointed out: "Santa is as real as Uncle Sam."

Greetings

CHRISTMAS AND FRIENDS GO HAND IN HAND . .

All too often we take our friends for granted. We are aware of the fact that every day sees some evidence of the friendships of the people whom we strive to serve and too frequently we neglect acknowledging these kindnesses.

But at Christmas, when we pause in the busy whirl of everyday routine things, we become conscious of our shortcomings, and wish to convey in this message our heartfelt thanks for the good things that have come our way.

To you, our friends, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a New Year of Health and Prosperity.

Warren's

Phone 98

Ambulance Service—Day Phone 113; Night Phone 180W.

West Texas State Started Vacation Thursday Afternoon

Students of West Texas State College were on their way to their homes Thursday following a week of gay Christmas activities. Classes will be resumed January 2.

One of the high lights of the Christmas season was a concert by the 75-piece Buffalo Band, with the numbers consisting of seasonal and religious music. In some of these, the audience participated. Santa Claus arrived and children of the audience "under 18" were given candy.

At Buffalo Courts, home of college athletes, gifts were exchanged at a party and jackets and sweaters were given to men who lettered in sports last spring. Each of the student halls had formal dinners and special entertainment. Gifts were exchanged and carols sung at the Cousins Hall annual party Tuesday evening. The Student Christian Association had a party at the Episcopal church's Little House of Fellowship.

One of the largest social occasions was Kappa Tau Phi sorority's formal dance. Gamma Phi gave a Christmas bridge - tea. Numerous small dinners featured the Christmas theme.

In the dormitories, many students decorated small Christmas trees and some even anticipated arrival of St. Nick by exchanging gifts—many not to be opened at this time, however.

Little girls love painted dolls; little boys love soldiers; big boys love painted dolls; big girls love soldiers.

WE'RE GLAD IT'S CHRISTMAS

We're glad because it is the one day of the year when it is possible to cast aside the artificial dignities of every day living—the one day of the year when people can be themselves and express sentiments that are too often suppressed. May we resolve to strive for a continuation of this wholesome attitude throughout the coming year, with more tolerance toward all, with a genuine spirit of brotherhood prevailing in our every transaction. With this as the background of our activities, we feel sure that the people of this community will enjoy the most prosperous year of them all. It will lead toward the furthe. advancement of every worthy enterprise. It will mean a year of happiness, contentment and prosperity for all!

HAIL the NEW YEAR

FARMERS ELEVATOR CO.

COAL, GRAIN, FIELD SEEDS, SALT

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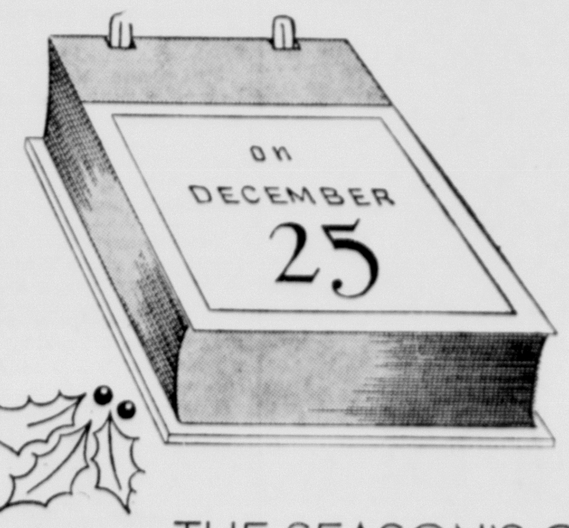
NOEL
We're Glad It's Christmas!
May the Holiday Season and the New Year bring genuine happiness and joy to you and yours. May it bring fulfillment

CANYON STEAM LAUNDRY

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Douglass

a CHRISTMAS Message



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS AND ALL GOOD WISHES • FOR THE NEW YEAR

May you have, on every day of the New Year, the **same** happiness which we are sure will be yours on Christmas day.

First National Bank

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Social Events of the Week Clubs and Organizations

MRS. T. M. MOORE HOSTESS TO METHODIST WOMEN MONDAY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. T. M. Moore for the Outlook Program and social hour on Monday afternoon.

Miss Moss Richardson assisted by Mrs. C. A. Murray, Mrs. Joe Thompson and Mrs. R. E. Foster gave a beautiful devotion.

Mrs. D. A. Nicholas presented Mrs. A. W. Sternenberg, Mrs. Clyde McElroy, Mrs. Harry Campfield, Mrs. Loyd Devins and Miss Irvin in the playlet "The Church.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. T. M. Moore; vice president, Mrs. E. R. Cleavinger; recording secretary, Mrs. L. P. Walters; treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Campfield; secretary of local church activities, Mrs. Alfred Bellah and Mrs. A. W. Sternenberg; secretary of student work, Mrs. Hubert Thomson; secretary of children's work, Mrs. L. C. Moreman; publicity, Mrs. Joe Thompson; supplies, Mrs. W. H. Stroud; spirit life, Miss Moss Richardson; membership, Mrs. D. A. Nicholas; fellowship, Mrs. C. M. Dowlen; status of women, Mrs. Harry Hungate; communion, Mrs. Ida Barlow; pianist, Mrs. Clyde McElroy.

At the social hour the hostess served tea from a beautifully appointed lace covered table.

Warrant Officer Bill Bewley is here to spend the holidays at the parental M. F. Bewley home. He has been in the Pacific for four years, and was a crew member of the Oklahoma when it was hit in the sneak attack of the Japs at Pearl Harbor.

PLEASANTVIEW H. D. CLUB CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

Mrs. John Jennings was hostess to the Pleasantview H. D. Club for the annual Christmas party Thursday afternoon, Dec. 14. The Christmas atmosphere permeated the dining room and living room in which stood a beautifully appointed Christmas tree.

The meeting opened with the group singing "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells" followed by business pertaining to the close of the year's work. Mrs. Jennings, poultry demonstrator, gave the year's report on poultry.

Gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments of spiced tea, sandwiches, nuts, and fruit cake were served to the following: Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Ethel Dooley, Mrs. Joe Currie, Mrs. Henry Meyer, Mrs. Albert Meyer, Mrs. A. B. Haynes, Mrs. N. Cook, Mrs. Earl Burtz, Mrs. M. B. Brown, Mrs. Billy Brown, Miss Iris Dooley, Mrs. Carl Heizer, Mrs. Jack Middleton, Miss Patterson and the hostess.

The January meeting will be with Mrs. Norman Cook, January 10.

IMOGENE WILSON IS BRIDE OF PETER F. WOODIN

Miss Imogene Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson of Ashtola, became the bride of Peter F. Woodin, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Woodin of Waterford, N. Y., Wednesday evening in the All Saints Episcopal Church.

Only attendants of the couple were Miss Lula Walker and Harold M. Cox of Tulia.

Following the ceremony a reception for the wedding party and guests was given in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Martin.

Help Keep Canyon Clean!

MRS. R. A. TERRILL HOSTESS TO TWO CLUBS FRIDAY P. M.

Mrs. R. A. Terrill entertained the 1930 Club and the As You Like It Club at her home Friday afternoon.

Members of the clubs attending were: Mrs. C. R. Burrow, Mrs. A. W. Sternenberg, Mrs. D. A. Shirley, Mrs. Clyde McElroy, Mrs. Harris Cook, Mrs. A. K. Knott, Mrs. F. E. Savage, Miss Edna Graham, Mrs. Thos. B. McCarter, Mrs. S. L. Ingham, Mrs. Kunze, Mrs. R. P. Jarrett, Mrs. C. H. Jarrett, Mrs. C. A. Murray, Mrs. Bryan McDonald, Mrs. Clyde Warwick, Mrs. C. M. Presley, Mrs. Ted Reid.

Guests of the Clubs were Mrs. J. A. Hill, Mrs. Joe Duflot and Mrs. Bell.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the home.

Refreshments were served of salad, sandwiches, cake and salted nuts.

Miss Arline Truax arrived Thursday from Denton to spend the holidays at the parental Glenn Truax home. She is attending Denton State College.

Miss Louise Shirley is spending her vacation in the parental D. A. Shirley home. Miss Shirley is teaching in Pueblo, Colorado.

Miss Carolyn Black who is a junior at T. C. U., arrived at the parental W. C. Black home Friday night to spend the Christmas vacation.

Ishmael Hill is leaving for Nashville, Tenn., where he will study on his Ph. D. degree. He has a leave from his position in the Lubbock public schools.

Bob Dowd a Navy student at Southwestern and Miss Martha Jean Dowd, a junior at Baylor, are both at the J. C. Dowd home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Foote and family have moved to their former home at Dalhart after living in Canyon for several years.

Miss Anita Davis, a junior in the University of Indiana, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays in the parental Roscoe Davis home.

Manis Read Foster, who is in Navy training at the University of Kansas, is at home on leave in the parental Dewey Foster home.

Robert Avent, who is in Navy training at Norman, arrived Saturday to spend Christmas in the Lavert Avent home.

Miss Lou Ella Patterson left Sunday for Goldthwaite, Texas to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Misses Belle and Olive Schramm left Sunday morning for Albuquerque to spend Christmas at the home of their sister, Mrs. Earl Crist.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sanders, Ellen and Dick left Friday to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Sanders' parents in Nacogdoches.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wright and Charles left Friday for Vernon to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Arthur Bailey Duncan, III, who will be stationed in Clovis after the holidays is at the parental home for the holidays.

Mrs. Jessie Nan of Portland, Oregon is visiting her sister, Mrs. P. M. Wilson.

Andy Walsh who is stationed at Corpus Christi, is at the parental A. L. Walsh home.

Dana Persons arrived Friday from Seattle to spend a Christmas leave in the Grady Persons home.

If and when West Point plays Sing Sing we'll know for sure then whether the pen is mightier than the sword.

Christmas Plant Was Named for U. S. Diplomat

Poinsettia Brought Here From Mexico Adopted As Christmas Plant.

Poinsettias which have come to be a "must" for home Christmas decorations owe their name and popularity to an early American diplomat, botanist and scholar—Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Nearly a century and a quarter ago, Poinsett, then U. S. ambassador to Mexico, first brought cuttings of the "fire plant" to his South Carolina home. Carefully he tended the transplanted tropical beauty. Under his skillful hands the flower thrived and improved.

Soon the fame of this colorful new plant spread to other states and Robert Buist, a Philadelphia botanist, bought some cuttings from Poinsett. He named them euphorbia poinsettia.

Since that day enthusiasts not only in the United States but throughout the world have continued to improve the poinsettia, until today there are a score of varieties from giant six-foot stalks to diminutive dwarfs, double and single varieties, green poinsettias with red veins, white varieties and a gradation of reds from the traditional flaming scarlets to pale pinks.

Besides serving as ambassador to Mexico, Poinsett was a member of congress from South Carolina and served as secretary of war in President Van Buren's cabinet. He was a personal friend of Presidents Madison, Monroe, Jackson and Van Buren.

Bean Winner Rules On Twelfth Night

Epiphany, or the Feast of the Kings, is the great homecoming day in France; servant girls would rather lose their positions than miss the family reunion and expect to receive an extra month's pay to wit.

The elaborate dinner features a cake in which a China bean has been hidden; the cake is cut into as many pieces as there are persons in the party. Whoever finds the bean in his or her piece of cake automatically becomes King or Queen of Twelfth Night and proceeds to choose his or her partner. The King and Queen reign over the ensuing festivities — each member of the party being obliged to obey their ridiculous commands.

Clerical employees expect a bonus and tradespeople anticipate Christmas boxes on Epiphany and Christmas trees are set up in stores and public places around which patrons pile heaps of gifts to be distributed in hospitals and among the poor.

Then there was the doctor who treated a patient five years for yellow jaundice before discovering he was a Jap.

The guy who invented golf turned the cows out of the pasture and let the bull in.

Balsam Fir Chosen by Heavenly Messengers

According to Ansgarius, who converted the Vikings to Christianity, the Lord sent Faith, Hope and Charity to earth to select His Christmas Tree.

They selected the Balsam Fir because it was as high as Hope, as wide as Love, and bore the sign of the cross on every branch.

Reprobatus Becomes St. Christopher— Answers Christ's Call

Reprobatus was a young giant whose heathen philosophies prompted him to desert one master after another whenever he found a master stronger than the one he then served.

Noticing that the mighty Pharaoh feared Satan, Reprobatus deserted Pharaoh to serve Satan; perceiving that the Devil himself was startled by the cross, he left the services of Satan and went in search of Christ.

When he refused to pray, he was commanded to do penance and given the task of carrying travelers across a deep river.

On Christmas Eve a voice called for Reprobatus and, answering the summons, he found a very small child waiting to be carried across the river. When he had placed the little one upon his shoulder, the burden of his weight nearly bowed Reprobatus to the ground.

"You are, indeed, as heavy as the world," declared Reprobatus.

"I created the world," replied the child, "I redeemed the world and I bear the sins of the world."

Reprobatus was no longer a heathen giant: he was Christofera, the bearer of Christ: as St. Christopher, he is the Goliath of the Saints, patron saint of all travelers: his emblem is a palm stem which Christ bade him thrust into the soil —wherefore the date palm is said to blossom and bear fruit at Christmas time.

Then there is the girl who returned the engagement ring by mail and labeled the package "Glass —handle with care."

It's a mighty good thing to be able to forget the things you don't want to remember.

GRAHAM GROCERY

We extend to you our best wishes for a happy holiday season and for even more success in the years to come. May your every dream be realized in the New Year.

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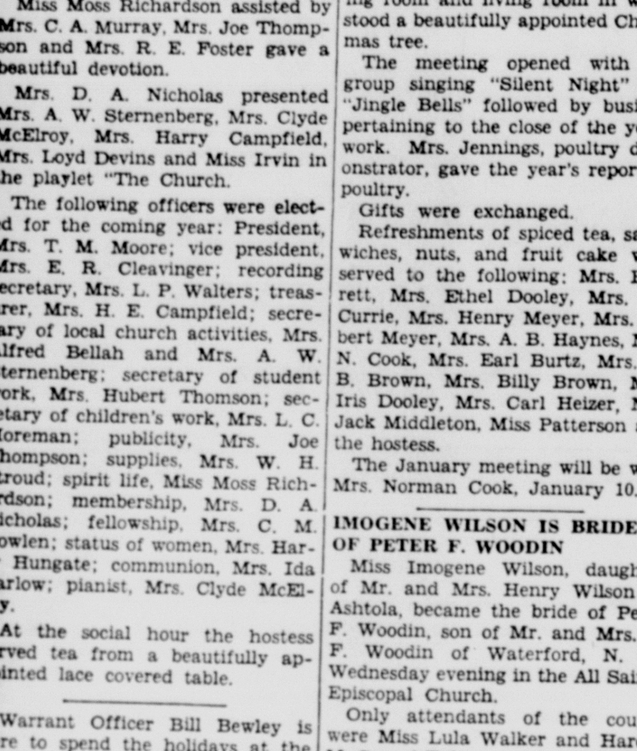

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CLOSED DECEMBER 27
We will be closed all day Thursday, December 27 for inventory.
THOMPSON'S

MAY CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR HOLD MUCH HAPPINESS IN STORE FOR YOU.
Please accept our sincere thanks for your patronage—we hope we may continue to have the opportunity of serving you.
PHILLIPS "66" STATION
ANDY WALSH

We Wish You Well
Our every thought this Yuletide is for those about us whom it has been our privilege to serve and those whom we would like to serve in the future.
Your consideration and regard mean much to us and we are grateful for your friendships.
May this be a Christmas never to be forgotten for its happiness and contentment.

Season's Greetings
Cooper's M SYSTEM
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Season's Greetings
We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of Christmas cheer for each of you. And we add good wishes for happiness and prosperity during the next twelve months.
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THIS Holiday SEASON
This Holiday season—may it be filled with high hopes and a spirit of confidence. The future looks brighter.
Justice, freedom and unity prevail and from this will come a happier world. We are indeed grateful.
We extend heartfelt greetings and good wishes to all our friends in this area. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you to the best of our ability in the months to come.
Best wishes to you and yours.
CONOCO SERVICE STATION
1311 Fourth Ave.

CHRISTMAS AT ITS BEST
From the depths of our heart we wish to extend our sincerest Christmas greetings. We are mindful of the part you have each had in the trying days of the past year and it is because of such unselfish efforts that the American way of life will be maintained. It is our wish that you will enjoy Christmas at its best, with an abundance of good cheer, good fellowship and goodwill for all.
IMPERIAL CHEVROLET CO.
AND EMPLOYEES
Southwest Corner of Square — Phone 334

There is very little difference between foreign dishes and American dishes. They both break easily.

FOR SALE: Slightly used wood and butane stove. See at Farlow Electric Store. 43p3

FOR SALE OR LEASE: Near Canyon, dairy barn, 85 acres of rye and grass pastures on Palo Duro Creek. Windmill. Living quarters if desired. Phone 436W. 43t2

FOR SALE: Piano. Phone 69. 42p2

LOST: Yellow Gold Bulova watch. Reward. Return to News office. 43p2

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED: To rent furnished or unfurnished house or apartment. Call 415W 42p2

STRAYED: From wheat field about 5 and 6 miles southeast of Bushland one White faced calf. Branded triangle on left side. Fred Marshall, Canyon, Texas. 42p2

WANTED: Housekeeper. Call 186W after 6:00 p. m. 41tf

NEED LISTINGS on some good acreage near Amarillo. Have buyers for some good homes. Contact Frances Cornelius 1416 Washington, Amarillo. Phone 9581. 40p8

WANTED: Waitresses. Bob's Coffee Shop. 31tf

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the First National Bank in Canyon that the annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its offices on the second Tuesday of January, 1946, the same being the 8th day of January. 1946, at 3:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and considering other business which may come before the stockholders.

W. C. BLACK,
40t6 Vice President and Cashier.

NOTICE: Dead stock removed. Large or small, with hides on, FREE. Call or notify Consumers Service Station, Canyon, Texas. We pay phone calls. Phone 7. Hereford Rendering Service. 42tf

INCOME and Estate Tax Service. Especially qualified for farmers and ranchers accounts. See me before Jan. 15. E. T. Cummings, 510 Wisk Bldg., Amarillo, phone 9792. 42p4

WE TAKE orders for baby chicks. Prompt delivery. See Canyon Produce. 40t9

WANTED: Listings on good farm or ranch property. Will get you top market prices. White & Whitehead, 304 Eakle Bldg., Amarillo, phone 6282. 35p9

FOR RENT OR HIRE: Public address system, suitable for indoor or outdoor gatherings. Stuart Condron. Phone Canyon 551. 29p15

WE REPAIR all makes of Radios, 4 to 5 day service. Western Auto Associate Store. 19p4

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USED CARS!

Highest Cash Prices Paid.

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Animals Warmed Holy Infant in Bethlehem

Many legends attribute the power of speech to birds and animals during the midnight hour of Christmas Eve in recognition of the beasts who, sharing the stable of Bethlehem, warmed the Holy Infant with their breath.

To honor these traditions, Polish children masquerade in animal costumes on Christmas Eve.

American Mistletoe Not That Specie of European History or Its Legend

The mistletoe of history and legend is a different specie than our American natives, and is found in Europe.

The specie found in the South Atlantic states is called Phoradendron (Greek word meaning "tree thief") flavescens. It is found most often on the following trees: tupelo, red maple, poplar, willow, cypress, juniper, apple, locust and linden trees. Occasionally, but not often, it occurs on oaks.

The plant in its wild state is gathered by collectors for sale during the Christmas holidays.

The train was pulling out and the old gentleman was just settling down comfortably. Suddenly the door burst open, and a young man stumbled into the coach and seated himself, panting and puffing, opposite. The latter looked on with obvious disapproval.

"You must be very unfit, young man," he said after a while. "Why, when I was young I never panted like that after a run."

"Perhaps not," said the other, "but I missed this train at the last station."

It begins to look like we picked up a "Hot Potato," when we found the "Atomic Bomb." We are afraid to lay it down for fear somebody else will pick it up and walk away with it. What are we to do with this red headed baby?

Marjorie: I see you're getting better marks lately. How's that?

Janey: Daddy's away on a business trip and I do all my own work myself.

CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 19.809 miles of Grading, Drainage Strs., Flexible Base and Single Asphalt Surface Treatment from Hwy. 87, 4 miles North of Happy to Wayside on Highway No. FM 285, covered by S 296 (1 & 2), in Randall & Armstrong County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A. M., Jan. 10, 1946, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained the wage rates prevailing in the locality in which this work is to be done. The Contractor shall pay not less than the prevailing wage rates shown in the proposal for Group 3 for each craft or type of "Laborer," "Workman," or "Mechanic" employed on this project.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

Plans and specifications available at the office of J. R. Harris, Resident Engineer, Amarillo, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved.

FOR A HAPPY YULE

Just a few words of Christmas greetings to you, our friends. May this be a happy and memorable occasion from which you will derive much pleasure and contentment. We wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CINDERELLA BEAUTY SHOP

AGAIN WE SAY COMPLIMENTS of THE SEASON

A cheerful wish for you and yours that your happiness may be multiplied many fold.

BUFFALO BEAUTY SHOP

IN THE streetcar crowded with holiday shoppers Mrs. Weston couldn't see the couple behind her but their words added to her mounting despair and fury. Overhead, tinsel-wreathed placards exhorted to buy fur coats, diamonds, perfume. She shut her eyes to them but she could not shut her ears.

"That was one swell party last night," sighed the man. "Oh, boy!"

The girl squealed. Mrs. Weston cringed. The high laughter was like the whistle in Puppo, the rubber dog they'd given Harvey Jr. his third Christmas. Puppo had become more than a toy. He still lived in glory, a kind of household god enshrined in the whatnot in Harvey's room. "Love to Puppo," Harvey ended his letters. Puppo always topped the

"Lady, you have the wrong angle."

Christmas tree. There'd be no tree this year. It was worse than childish of Harv to want one. She wouldn't have it. A package had been sent to Harvey Jr. overseas in October, but there'd be no Christmasing at home.

Wicked, horrible, thought Mrs. Weston, that people are going through all the old motions of a Merry Christmas. No one has a right to be merry.

"You looked super last night," said the man. "You are super, honey. You're so beautiful." Mrs. Weston turned slightly and caught a glimpse of a flat pretty face surrounded by blond curls. "You rate orchids, honey," the man went on, "and you're goin' to have them.

The constant ache in Mrs. Weston's heart sharpened to a stab. For such fools her Harvey was risking his life. Another block of their chatter and Mrs. Weston would say, "The money squandered on orchids, young man, would buy a good many war stamps," or, "This is no occasion for whoopee."

"Jack thinks the Army is going to get him this time." It was the girl speaking. "And is he scared!"

The woman next her got off and another squeezed in. "Certainly going to be a big Christmas," observed the newcomer cheerfully. "Were you downtown Saturday? Worst jam I ever saw."

"I was not." Mrs. Weston felt compelled to explain. "I am going to town now only to select a wreath for my mother's grave."

Behind her the young people were still shrilling about Jack and the Army. "Tell him we'll give him a farewell party. Tell him if he gets shot he'll have a pretty nurse." The man was chortling. "Let's get off next corner, beautiful. You can buy me a drink."

Liquor, thought Mrs. Weston furiously. That explained their incessant giggling over nothing. She raised her voice. "I don't see how people can think about Christmas. How they can drink and laugh and waste money on silly things. Life is so terrible—" her voice broke. Heavens, people were staring! "My son—somewhere in the Pacific," she added hurriedly in a low voice. "I—I'm thinking of him."

She felt a hand on her shoulder. "Lady you have the wrong angle." The man behind her leaned forward. Her eyes met compassionate blue ones in a face curiously pale. "It don't help your boy any for you to have no Christmas. Be as merry as you can. Like as not he'll be back, fit as a fiddle—like me." He lurched to his feet.

Something caught in Mrs. Weston's throat. He was limping to the door. The car jolted to a stop and the girl thrust a steady little hand under his arm. Drunk, thought Mrs. Weston, drunk with the joy of being alive. She sprang to her feet, without apology pushed through the crowd. "Wait!" But they were getting off.

She was halted by the crowds on the sidewalk. Standing on tiptoe she saw the couple turn in at the dairy bar. A drink. They'd laugh and make love over an ice cream soda. "Merry Christmas, soldier," she whispered. "Be as merry as you can."

Misty-eyed, she walked to the corner rimmed with Christmas trees.

"A small tree," choked Mrs. Weston. She wiped her eyes and picked one up, testing its weight. "It must be strong," she told the vendor firmly. "Strong enough to hold up a good sized rubber dog, and—and our spirits."

There are no snakes in New Zealand.

Cpl. Jackie Neal Cooper from California is spending Christmas in the parental C. O. Cooper home, where he was met by his sisters, Misses Mary Lee and Hazel, who are here from their teaching in California for the holidays.

Jack Taylor, R. M. 3-c landed in Portland, Oregon Saturday after serving in the Pacific . He called his wife Sunday morning, saying that it would be after Christmas some time before he gets home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Stone and son, Tabor, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stone of Amarillo will join 1st Sgt. and Mrs. James H. Scott in the parental Guy Tabor home for Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilmore, Lt. (jg) Earl Gilmore, Mrs. Jack Taylor and Janet spent Christmas day in Turkey with relatives.

Grandma Jackson and her young grandson were riding on a train. Grandma had dozed and suddenly she sat up. "What was that station the conductor called?"

"He didn't announce any station; he just put his head in the door and sneezed."

"Get the bundles together quickly," said Grandma. "This is Oshkosh."

Clarence Eugene Thompson, R. T. 1-c, landed on the Pacific Coast this week, after having been in the Asiatic-Pacific since Feb. 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Harmon are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tarlton.

Lt. (jg) Earl Gilmore is spending a Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilmore and sister, Mrs. Jack Taylor.

Pvt. J. C. Bellah from Arkansas is spending Christmas in the parental Alfred Bellah home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lair and baby of Abilene are spending Christmas in the parental Tom Lair home.

Lt. and Mrs. Tom Lair are visiting in the parental Tom Lair home.

A wise-cracker stepped up to the crowded train as it stopped at the station and inquired of the conductor: "Well, Noah, you've got here at last. Is the Ark full?" The quick - witted conductor replied, "Nope, we need one more monkey, Hop in."

Every time we see the sign "Ladies- Ready-to-Wear Clothes" we think it is about time.

THE KEYNOTE OF CHRISTMAS

HAPPINESS

This Christmas, as always, happiness is the keynote. It determines the blessings which are ours to enjoy and we anticipate the occasion more and more each passing year.

May joy and happiness prevail throughout the land and may the greatest of all occasions be one which you will long remember.

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To Our Multitude of Friends
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GREETINGS

IT IS OUR WISH that new joys not known before may come to you and abide with you all through the coming year.

It is because of your fine loyalty that we send this word of Christmas cheer. We thank you sincerely for your friendships and patronage and we seek the opportunity of continuing in this association in the future.

May the Holiday Season, with its fine sentiment, remain with you throughout the days of the New Year.

Your County Officials

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A. B. HOLT, Clerk

MRS. ELZIE PRICE, Treasurer

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Commissioner Precinct 3

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Commissioner Precinct 4

B. F. MACHEN
Justice of Peace Precinct 1

MRS. W. J. FLESHER
Justice of Peace Precinct 4

A Merry American

CHRISTMAS

Through a rapidly changing world we still adhere to an age old custom of setting aside business problems in favor of friendly greetings at this holiday season.

May we express our appreciation for our pleasant associations and extend our sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dr. Harry A. Brown

and Staff

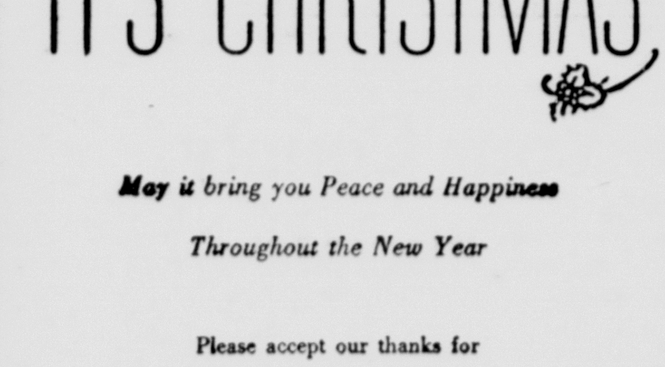
ONCE AGAIN

IT'S CHRISTMAS

May it bring you Peace and Happiness

Throughout the New Year

Please accept our thanks for the kindnesses you have extended us in the past. We trust we may continue to merit your consideration in the future.



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A DRIZZLING rain seeped through Mike Duncan's threadbare coat and soaked him to the skin. Snow had preceded the rain that afternoon and the going was pretty tough. He wearily trudged along, endeavoring to keep out of the way of reckless herds of last-minute Christmas shoppers who thought of him only as a bar to their progress.

Ordinarily Duncan would not have thought of his wet skin, his tattered clothes, or even of his empty stomach. They were all part of life on the road—but this night was different. It was Christmas Eve.

It must have been the holiday season—why else would someone thrust a fifty-cent piece into his hand and

"Are you sure that's all you want?"

then vanish into the shadows? He could only murmur a grateful "Thank you, sir, and a merry Christmas to you" before the donor disappeared into the swirling crowd.

Duncan reached into his left pocket, pulled out two dimes and five pennies, laid them with the half-dollar in the palm of his other hand and stared at his entire fortune of seventy-five cents.

He smiled sardonically when it occurred to him presently that the building in front of which he stood was the United States Mint. He turned and, with a laugh that had a hysterical ring to it, jingled his handful of coins. His mirth attracted the cop who had been standing on the corner watching him. The officer said to him in a brogue so thick that it could have been cut with a knife, "Move on, blasht ye!" Mike wandered off down a deserted side street, clinking his money.

After about an hour of aimless roaming through endless alleys, he found himself directly opposite a brightly decorated restaurant. He crossed over and from sheer curiosity looked in the window.

There were only two patrons inside—an elderly man and woman seated at a front table who were avidly devouring with much relish a whole roast turkey with all the side dishes.

Duncan's mouth began to water—his stomach seemed hollow—he felt his legs go weak, and his ever-present hunger was getting the best of him. Suddenly he remembered the seventy-five cents. He thought quickly. A bed for the night at a flophouse would cost fifteen cents—that would leave him sixty. He decided to go in and order a roast turkey sandwich. He gave his hat a few deft pats and opened the door.

He hung his battered hat and coat where he could grab them in case of an emergency, and made himself comfortable at a table in a corner. Duncan knew that his appearance was none too prepossessing and that a waiter would not dash up to someone from whom he could not get a tip. After a while a vinegar-faced man deigned to come to him. "What'll you have?" he asked, stifling a yawn.

"A hot roast turkey sandwich," replied Duncan.

"On toast or rye bread?"

"Rye."

"Anything else?"

Duncan shook his head. "No, nothing else."

"Are you sure that's all you want?"

"Yes, that's all. Just a roast turkey sandwich."

The waiter returned with the order, placed it before him, shook his head wonderingly and withdrew. Duncan virtually devoured the sandwich in three bites. He delicately wiped his mouth with a napkin, then beckoned the waiter. "Check, please," he said.

"Check?"

"Yes, the check." Duncan raised his eyebrows.

"But there is no check."

"No check? What do you mean—no check?"

"There are none tonight. This is Christmas Eve. Didn't you see the sign in the window? Customers can order anything they want. It's on the house. You're the only guy who didn't order the whole darned menu. Well, merry Christmas," he added.

Duncan's jaw dropped. His gaze fell on the half-dollar, two dimes and five pennies still clutched in his hand. Slumped in his chair, his eyes followed the back of the retreating waiter.

Alabamans are known as the Yellow-hammers.

Golden Gloves Tournament To Be Held Jan. 21-22-23

Dates for the Tenth Annual District Golden Gloves tournament, sponsored by the Amarillo Globe-News, have been announced for January 21, 22, and 23.

The tournament, held in the Municipal Auditorium in Amarillo, is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union, and affiliated with the Texas Golden Glove Athletic Association.

Duke Nally, tournament director, has announced competition in two divisions — School and Golden Gloves, determining individual champions in each division, and a team championship in the School division.

Last year the team title was won by Lefors High School, expected to make another strong bid for the ornate 24-inch team trophy.

John Hosea, former Texas Wesleyan football star, and a familiar figure in state Golden Gloves competition several years ago is coaching the Lefors boxers.

Individual trophies are awarded winners and runners up in the 112, 118, 126, 135, 147, 160, 175 and heavyweight classes.

Championships of the Golden Gloves tournament will represent the Amarillo District at the State tournament at Fort Worth, Feb. 14-19. State winners go to the Tournament of Champions in Chicago.

Competition is restricted to amateurs 16 years of age and over. Throughout the tournament, hotel accommodations and meals will be furnished all boxers.

Schools and individuals interested in competing may obtain further information by writing Golden Gloves Editor, Amarillo Globe-News, Amarillo, Texas.

The shortage of women's girdles has broadened the masculine outlook.

Relief At Last For Your Cough

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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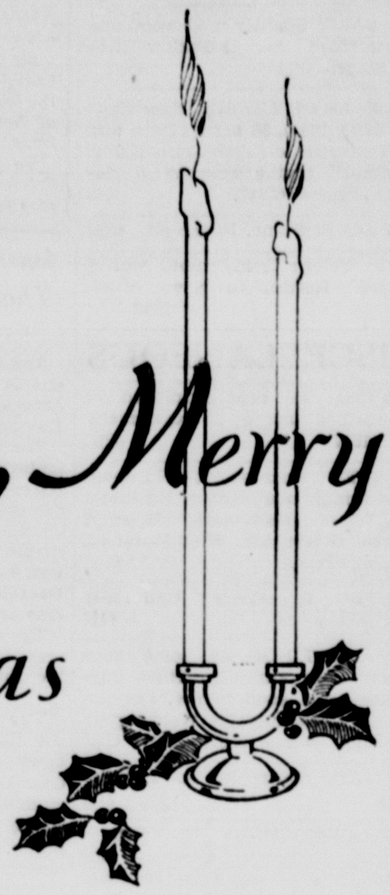
A Merry, Merry Christmas



If it were at all possible, we would see each of you personally, clasp your hand in a friendly sort of way, and say, "Merry Christmas!" At the same time, we would express our sincere thanks for all past favors, and invite your continued patronage on the basis of our genuine interest in your welfare and our desire to be of every service possible to you during the coming year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are sorry we cannot see each of you individually—and we want to convey, through this message, our heartfelt appreciation of your friendships and to wish you all the joys of the Christmas Season.

Thompson's

LEST WE FORGET

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

Let us be thankful for Christmas and the things for which it stands. Let us be thankful for fine associations, loyal friends . . . let us give thanks for a high standard of living that makes it possible for us to get the fullest enjoyment out of life.

That part of Christmas so frequently minimized is its religious significance. This is the birthday of Him who taught Faith, Hope and Charity.

Let us not forget to find time to be thankful, to sing praises to Him for the blessings received. As we celebrate Christmas day with rejoicing, let us celebrate it with a deep thankfulness in our hearts and a prayer that we may enjoy this significant occasion for many, many more years to come.

Consumers Service Station

Cole & McGahey — Phone 7

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING IN THE NEW YEAR

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Canyon Rotary Club

Christmas Card Is Century Old

The centennial of the Christmas card is being observed this year.

It was in 1845—just 100 years ago—that the first Christmas card was designed and distributed. This pioneer greeting was the creation of W. C. Dobson, a noted British artist, who was said to be a favorite of Queen Victoria. Dobson, according to tradition, made copies of his card and sent them to friends in London and elsewhere in the British Isles.

The custom established by Dobson found numerous devotees. In 1846, an English nobleman, Sir Henry Cole, commissioned an artist, John Calcott Horsley, to design a Christmas card for him.

According to one story, Sir Henry Cole had received such a large number of holiday letters that he could not find time to answer them all. As a means of solving this problem, he called in Horsley and asked him to design an appropriate card.

Horsley's first Christmas card depicted a Victorian English family enjoying the holiday. Except for the profusion of detail, the card is like many of the modern greetings. The traditional "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" was inscribed on the card, with blank spaces for filling in the name of the sender and the recipient.

From this beginning a century ago, the custom of sending Christmas cards has spread across the ocean to the United States where it has become a traditional part of the holiday observance.

The time has come for the kids to inquire "If Santa brings all those gifts, then who buys all those things in the stores?"

"Give me a well known date in Roman history, Willie."

"Anthony's with Cleopatra."

James E. Fraser's famous status depicting the end of the trail is located in Godlen Gate Park, San Francisco.

Constructive Toys Make Better Gifts

When you buy toys for children, give a thought to their constructive qualities. How much can they do with the gifts you are providing them? Will they soon tire of them and go back to the good old spoons and pans in the cupboard that they can do so many things with? If you buy a doll, get one that can be dressed, bathed and brushed. If a boy wants a doll, let him have it. Fathers love children.

Growing children need big toys that require lifting, tugging, running—movement of muscles. Blocks are ideal. Think of the things that can be done with them! One carpenter out of work made quite a good thing last Christmas of children's blocks. He collected odds and ends of boards at the lumber yard, planed them off smoothly, painted them gay colors and sold them in lots of a dozen up to 100. Wagons, cars, scooters, skates, sleds, and skiis are good. But the toy should suit the age of the recipient. Every boy should have a ball of some kind. Boys like trains, but wooden blocks painted to resemble cars are better than the kinds that can run only on tracks. Girls are pleased with rolling pins, doll beds, houses, trunks, small chairs and tables, and dishes. One mother writes that her son's most cherished gift last Christmas was five pounds of assorted nails given him by an understanding uncle.

For older folks, books and Christmas just seem to go together as naturally as bread and jam, or ham and eggs. A home-made book may make a hit. It may consist of leaves of brightly colored cambric, ten colors in all, sewed securely through the middle to hold them together, and with pinked edges.

Educational toys are popular.

Making Colored Flames For Christmas Fireplace

Would you like beautifully colored flames in the Christmas fireplace?

Here are a number of chemicals which may be added to shellac as a carrier. Small pieces of wood may be painted with the mixtures, or the chemicals and shellac mixed with sawdust.

Violet flame	**potassium chlorate**
Yellow flame	**potassium nitrate**
Orange flame	**calcium chloride**
Red flame	**strontium nitrate**
Apple-green flame	**barium nitrate**
Emerald flame	**copper nitrate**
Green flame	**borax**
Purple flame	**lithium chloride**

W. D. Griffin was a newspaper reporter before entering the motion picture field.

We've never heard of a woman yet who told a man she loved him, until he squeezed it out of her.

In some spinal columns all the bones seems to be lumped at the top.

Merry Christmas

May this old fashioned Greeting convey our

-SINCERE APPRECIATION

Of your good will and patronage and our every wish for a most happy and [illegible]s New Year.

CANYON MOTOR CO.

J. Alvin McDonald

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

MANY THANKS to our customers for your steady support during the past year, and many sincere wishes of the season to all. Be seeing you soon!

and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Whiteway Service Station

Light Your Candles!

Make Christmas more cheerful with the soft glow of candles — let the real spirit of the occasion shine down upon you and yours. This is our Yuletide wish for you and yours.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Canyon Lions Club

Christmas Greetings

Here's a brief little message to those of you whom we have served the past year and to those whom we hope to serve next year—may this be a pleasant Christmas for you and yours.

Hart's Appliance Company

Hardware and Supplies

We welcome the chance to extend our best wishes to each of you on this, the happiest occasion of the year—CHRISTMAS.

It is our hope that the New Year will be filled with an abundance of good things for you and yours as a reward for your loyalty and consideration.

Holiday Greetings

Mickle Barber Shop

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Many good wishes for gladness and cheer, a bright Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things you so richly deserve.

With these thoughts we desire to also add our appreciation for the thoughfulness of our friends and customers, who, by their friendships and patronage, have made possible our success in the past year.

Happy New Year!

CONSUMERS FUEL ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Dealers in Petroleum Products

Grain, Feed, Seeds

Tom Brasher, Manager

W. H. Stroud, Manager of Elevator

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

We wish you again, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous Christmas, and a successful New Year.

We trust we have met with your hearty approval in the past and that our efforts to serve you have not been in vain. May we continue to serve you in the future.

HILL IMPLEMENT CO.

Your M-M Dealer and G. M. C. Trucks

Canyon, Texas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Not from the standpoint of custom only do we send you this message of Christmas cheer, but with genuine appreciation of our pleasant associations in the past. We extend to you our best wishes, and may happiness and prosperity be yours through all the year.

City Pharmacy

The Rexall Store

JOY
. . . YULETIDE
MAY IT BE YOURS EVERY DAY
OF THE COMING YEAR

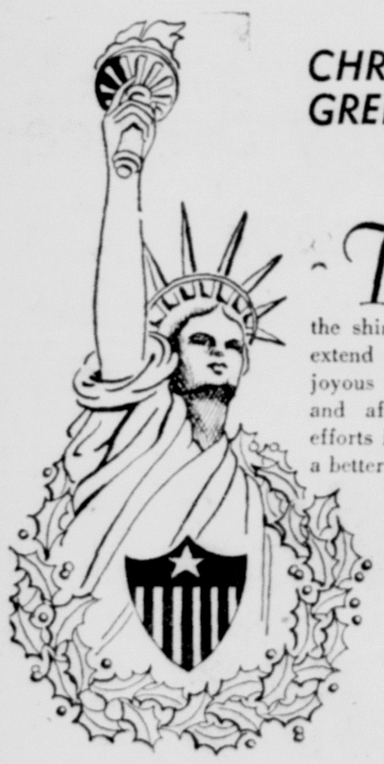
SAMUELSON MOTOR CO.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At this Holiday Season we feel prompted to tell you how deeply grateful we are for the consideration you have so kindly extended us in the past year and to wish each of you a Christmastide of happiness and a year of health and prosperity.

MONARCH CLEANERS
DEPENDABLE SERVICE

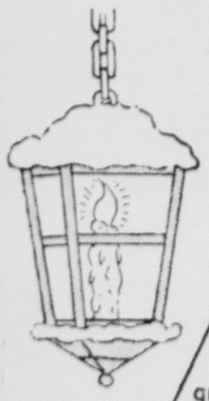
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



TO ALL who live beneath the shining light of freedom, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas. We sincerely and affectionately dedicate our efforts in the coming year toward a better service to our fellow man.

May Peace and Freedom bless the earth and all its peoples.

Canyon Implement & Supply Co.
The Cleavinger Bros.



With sincere Christmas Greetings, accept too our cordial wish for abundant prosperity and contentment. In connection with these greetings, may we say, "Thanks to all the good friends of this organization for enabling us to continue to be of service to you."

Cope Paint and Body Works

Invest Your Printing Money in Canyon

Observe Holiday In Many Ways

The name January is derived from the two-faced god, Janus. He was originally the god of light and day, however, he gradually became the god of the beginning of things.

The beginning of the year was sacred to Janus and a festival in his honor called Agonia was celebrated. At the beginning of any important undertaking his aid and advice was sought.

He was worshipped as the guardian of trade and shipping and he was the inventor of agriculture.

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In addition to secular celebrations, many religious denominations hold special services on New Year's Eve from 9 or 10 to 12 o'clock.

The Methodist Episcopal church was the earliest to adopt this custom

Last day of 1945.

tom and they are called "watch-night services."

In 1944, St. George's Methodist Episcopal church in Philadelphia held its 175th watch night service. The church was founded in 1769 and in 1770 held what has been called the first such services in America. Many other churches are holding such services today.

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January 1 is a legal holiday in all of the states and the District of Columbia. It was not until after 1918, however, that the date became a legal holiday in Massachusetts.

With the exception of war time, the date is a legal reason for liberty for the sailor and soldier. Yes, army and navy regulations specifically state this fact.

To quote from the navy regulations: "The first of January—and such other days as may be designated by the President, including the day of national Thanksgiving, shall be designated as holidays on board ships of the navy and at all naval stations.

Bas-relief is low relief—sculpture in which the figures project less than half their apparent total thickness.

MODERN INDUSTRY SERVES THE SPIRIT OF OUR CHRISTMAS

In a busy world, the Christmas card has assumed a definite place among Christmas customs and tradition — serving the spirit of friendship, echoing the promise of peace and good will.

Reputedly, the first Christmas card, properly so-called, was dispatched in 1845 when W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters, sent lithographed scenes inscribed with greetings to his many friends during the Christmas season.

In 1846, John Calcott Horsley, Royal Academician, designed a card for Sir Henry Cole. Thus the custom of sending Christmas cards seems to have been inaugurated—although, even as far back as Queen Anne's reign, it was customary for children to write Christmas pieces. Such "Christmas pieces" were specimens of handwriting with elaborately engraved borders designed to represent some current event or subject studied by the children during the year, and were sold in shops and at bazaars until about 1840.

Christmas cards were introduced into the United States during the 1870s by Marcus Ward and Company of London and for a short while the English firm enjoyed a monopoly of the market.

The name of Louis Prang is outstanding in the history and development of the modern Christmas card industry. Mr. Prang, an exile from Germany following the revolution of 1848, introduced the art idea into American public schools via the Prang method of education. In 1874, Prang invaded the Christmas card field. Prizes were offered for the best designs and perfected lithographic processes.

Convention Hall in Atlantic City is the largest in the world, seating 40,000 persons.

"Do you know what intuition is?"
"Intuition tells a woman she's right whether she is or not."

"Mom sent me to buy a chicken."
"Do you want a pullet?"
"No, I'll just carry it."

A flag from Dallas was the first Texas flag to fly over conquered Japan.

Chinooks is the nickname given to people from the state of Washington.

And is the most frequently used word in the Bible, appearing 46,227 times.

Magnesium used in the Dallas-made incendiary bombs was a Texas product.

HERE'S HOW TO SELECT A TREE

"How can we select a Christmas tree that holds its needles?" is a question fathers and mothers ask year after year.

The answer depends on the type of tree you buy and the care you give it once you set it up.

All trees tend to drop their leaves after they are cut and stored in a dry room. But some kinds naturally hold their needles longer than others. Trees used most commonly on Christmas are the spruces, fir, hemlock, pine and red cedars.

Spruce are the first to shed their needles. A spruce can be identified by grasping a branch tightly. Its sharp needles will prick your hand.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir. It resembles the spruce except that its needles are not sharp. The needles stay on the tree for a long time, and become a golden brown before they finally drop off. Needles of the Douglas fir are flat and soft to the touch. This popular tree can be easily identified by examining the cones which have small appendages on each side.

Pines have never been very popular as Christmas trees, in spite of the fact that they do not shed their needles easily. This is most likely due to their unsymmetrical appearance which does not closely resemble the traditional Christmas tree.

No matter what kind of Christmas tree you select, it will hold its needles longer if it is standing in water. Place a little water in the base of your tree stand and you will be bothered less with falling needles than you were last year.

Christmas Crib Tradition Was Founded by Medieval Tableau in Old Naples

In 1787, Goethe described Naples as the city of Christmas Cribs: every church had its "Praesepe" and families erected evergreen shrines within their homes and upon the flat roof-tops of their dwellings where Vesuvius and the starlit Neapolitan sky created a Hollywood-like background.

St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the Vatican to present a Christmas tableau in 1223. This first "Praesepe," set up in the chancel of the church in Greccio, Italy, was complete with real live animals.

They refer to ships as she because they both make their best showing in the wind.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

McDONALD'S SHOP

NO RATIONING of GOOD CHEER AND HAPPINESS

It doesn't take coupons and rationing to spread happiness and good cheer There's plenty for all and no points necessary

Here's wishing you unbounded joy this Christmas season. May it be extended through the days of the coming year

And for your liberal patronage, we say, "Thank you."

Western Auto Associate Store
Home Owned and Operated — H. T. Wilcher, Owner

YULETIDE GREETINGS

A beautiful sentiment that has continued through the centuries, the spirit of Christmas.

In the true spirit of the occasion we extend Season's Greetings to our friends and neighbors.

RANDALL MOTOR CO.
Authorized Dealers
DE SOTO — PLYMOUTH

GOOD CHEER AT CHRISTMASTIME

Please accept these sincere Greetings of Good Cheer to you, our friends, and a heartfelt appreciation for your cooperation and support in the year just coming to a close.

GAMBLE & CHEATHAM
"Believe It or Not"

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Each year as we observe the Christmas Season, we are reminded of the many things for which we should be thankful. We remember innumerable instances of your good faith and goodwill and we recall the countless courtesies and favors with which we have been blessed and of the friendships, tried and proven, that have been ours to enjoy.

Mindful of these fine expressions of friendships, and of the thoughtfulness back of them, we desire to again send our Christmas wishes to each of you, and to thank you for everything. You have made the past year a pleasant one for us, and we trust that we shall enjoy many more among the people of this community.

Hawks Motors, Inc.
FORD AGENCY — GULF PRODUCTS

ONE OF THE PLEASURES OF CHRISTMAS IS THE JOY OF WISHING HAPPINESS TO FRIENDS LIKE YOU

Burrow Lumber Co.

Building Materials

Phone 28

Office or Lodge Decorated With Little Effort

Have you been chosen to arrange your office or lodge Christmas party this year?

Don't look at it as a chore, or something that can be done in the last few days before the actual holiday. Make preparations for it ahead of time—and you will see how much more enjoyment everyone will get out of it.

Christmas is the season for parties when people spend much of their time indoors either entertaining or being entertained. It is during this season that everyone is looking for new ideas for decorating homes, offices, recreation centers or gathering places.

Christmas greens are the favorite decoration and most univer-

sally used in all countries. In America, the pines, holly and mistletoe are displayed in wreaths or hung about the room to give a holiday atmosphere.

Other natural materials may be added, such as pine cones, shells, seed pods, ground pine or fruits.

If color is to be added, paint the gourds or pine cones with poster paints and fasten them on the pine boughs with wire or string. Pine cones painted in white and edged with red or blue are especially striking when hung against a dark green background.

Three dimensional posters make effective decorations, and are easily made from cloth, stiff paper or other material. This type of decoration is particularly effective made up in the traditional Christmas scenes such as the bringing in the Yule log, Nativity scenes, or caroling.

Christmas cards are a good source to go to for suggestions if you need a design for a poster or bulletin board as a central piece in your scheme of decoration.

Syria Camel of Jesus Blessed by Child Christ

In Syria, water and wheat await the Gentle Camel of Jesus who travels over the desert on Epiphany Eve bringing presents to good children.

Legend says the youngest of the camels which bore the Wise Men to Bethlehem was exhausted by the pressing journey and, as it lay moaning before the Stable, the Christ Child blessed it with immortality.

Help Keep Canyon Clean!

News In Canyon 25 Years Ago

(Taken from the files of the Randall County News of December 30, 1920)

L. G. Conner, founder of Canyon, died this morning at 1 o'clock of acute indigestion. He had been at his office yesterday and was in apparently good health. Mr. Conner arrived in Randall county on Dec. 25, 1887 and located on the section now occupied by the town of Canyon. There were only five actual settlers in the county at that time. He laid off the town site and organized the county on July 27, 1889. Surviving are: Mrs. Conner, one son, Guy, and two daughters, Mrs. Mamie Bradford, the first white child born in Randall county, and Miss Ermee.

The car of F. V. Friemel was hit by a train at Umbarger Sunday and the baby killed. Mr. Friemel is in the hospital seriously injured.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kuehn.

Miss Zerah McReynolds and Ernest Archambeau were married.

Miss Laura Easley and Paul Foster were married.

Miss Prudia Prichard and James Black of Hereford were married.

Miss Lillian Hendrix and Cass McGee were married.

Only 72 poll tax receipts have been issued to date.

Telephone operators issued a protest against the practice of calling them to get the time.

Schools Will Have Part in Gathering Clothes for Needy

Dr. John W. Studebaker, Commissioner of the U. S. Office of Education, has called upon the nation's school children, college youth and education leaders for utmost support in the Victory Clothing Collection for Overseas Relief. His statement was made public today by Henry J. Kaiser, national chairman of the Collection.

Simultaneously Mr. Kaiser announced that 16-year-old Lorraine Ross, member of the junior class in the Whitewater, Kansas, High School is the youngest chairman yet named in any community to conduct a local Victory Clothing Collection. Miss Ross has already organized her campaign committee to solicit clothing gifts in Whitewater, which has a population of 600, and in four neighboring communities in Butler county. Six high school students have key positions on her committee. Miss Ross was suggested for the chairmanship by John B. Carter, publisher of the Whitewater Independent.

Dr. Studebaker pointed out that school children, college students, school administrators and teachers through spirited cooperation in the April United National Clothing Collection helped collect clothing which aided 25,000,000 war sufferers in Europe, China and the Philippines. Pointing out that millions of other ill-clad children, women and men overseas are suffering and dying, he declared:

"We in America look forward to a happier Christmas and a more promising New Year than we have had for many years. Let us translate the good-will and happiness that will be ours into terms that will gladden the hearts of both the little folks overseas and the aged who have known only sorrow and privation for so long a time."

In a letter to superintendents of city and county schools, and to presidents of colleges and universities, Dr. Studebaker said: "Now I am asking you to marshal all your forces again for the second nation-wide clothing drive."

The Victory Clothing Collection is scheduled for Jan. 7-31. The national goal is 100,000,000 garments in addition to shoes and bedding. Each contributor, Mr. Kaiser said, is invited to attach a message of good-will to clothing gifts, "a message to warm the heart."

Dr. J. A. Hill Is Named by Governor on State Group

Dr. J. A. Hill has been named by Governor Stevenson member of a state committee to cooperate with the federal government in the distribution of surplus war materials.

This group will represent the common schools, teachers college, universities, denomination colleges and junior colleges of the state. It is estimated that a large volume of war material will be available for the educational institutions within the coming months.

The highest railroad bridge in the United States crosses the Pecos River in Val Verde county, Texas.

When a horse takes a fence, he jumps. When a man takes offense, you jump.

And Now--Peace on Earth

. . . good will toward men. This year as we celebrate our Lord's birthday, we give thanks because He has sent us the most precious gift of all—Peace. It is in this spirit of world peace and friendliness that we wish you the blessings of the Season—much happiness and beatitude in the New Year.

West Texas Gas Company

IF YOU ARE WAITING for a telephone but the telephone man stops at your neighbor's house, most likely your neighbor has been waiting longer than you have. If that's not the reason, it's probably because:

He has just moved from somewhere else in the city and had his telephone service moved, or . . .

There may be serious illness in the family and a telephone is necessary during the emergency, or . . .

Your neighbor may be a returned veteran needing a telephone to re-establish him in civilian life, or . . .

A telephone in his home may be necessary to the health and welfare of the community.

With these necessary exceptions, those waiting are served in the order in which we received the application. In some neighborhoods, of course, we shall be able to catch up more quickly than in others. But, as telephone plant is constructed, our aim is to see that everyone gets service in proper turn.

We're putting in telephones as fast as we can. And whether your turn for service comes in the near future, or not for several months, you can be sure we're looking forward to the day when the telephone man will knock at your door and say:

"I'm here to put in your telephone."

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

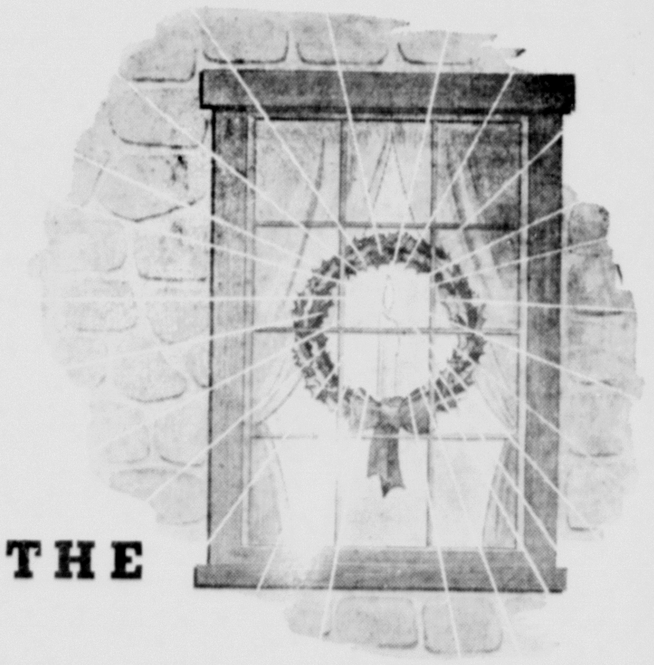
Friends and Customers

It is again the season of the year to wish you and yours the compliments of the Yuletide and we find it a pleasant task.

May we acknowledge your many kindnesses and favors of the past, and in appreciation extend our good wishes for your continued health and prosperity.

Greetings

BRITAIN'S STUDIO



MAY THE LIGHT OF PEACE SHINE ON FOREVER!

SOUTHWESTERN *PUBLIC SERVICE* COMPANY

Taylor & Sons

and All of Their Employees

Take This Occasion To

Wish For All of You A

Merry Christmas

and a

Prosperous New Year

May you and yours share to the fullest measure the brightness of the light of liberty . . . and that good old American freedom . . .

TO ENJOY MANY MERRY CHRISTMASES AND HAPPY NEW YEARS

STEVENS FLORAL COMPANY

Japanese Student

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to punish, but to give us the blessings of true democracy and liberty.

"We have begun to understand what democracy, freedom of speech, thought and religion, and respect of personal rights mean. We young men, on whom Japan's future being depends, must learn much from you American soldiers to make ours a religious, peace-loving democratic country.

"True friendship between America and Japan will mainly spring from the efforts of us young people of both countries.

"All Japanese schools are now on the high road to democracy. For example, military drills, fencing, jude have been abolished. Gaiters are now worn only in working. Civilian salute has taken the place of military. Militaristic and too narrowly nationalistic ideas and materials have been removed from our textbooks to make room for those emphasizing liberty, justice, peace and philanthropy.

"We sincerely desire to fully cultivate ourselves in science and art in order to be good and useful citizens and develop Japanese democracy and contribute something to the promotion of the world's civilization.

"We beg you Americans to help and guide us in every possible way."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kind and thoughtful attentions to us during the illness, death and burial of our mother.

The Tucek Family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Slack and daughter, Sydney, are spending Christmas on the parental J. J. Wright farm while her parents are in Vernon for the holidays.

Miss Martha Nell Burton, who has been doing graduate work and has been a student assistant in Manhattan, Kansas, is at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. D. Burton, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gooch and children, Frances and Tommie, left Sunday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. I. H. Gooch in Vernon.

Mrs. G. W. Cone and Miss Betty Jo Cone left early Thursday morning for San Diego, California to meet Lt. (jg) G. W. Cone who is returning from service in the Pacific.

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4-5 Day Service

All work guaranteed.

Western Auto Associate Store

Electric Wiring

and

MOTOR REPAIRS

Flourescent Fixtures

Harrison Electric

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Phone 123

A Yuletide Wish

That you will be blessed with all the joys possible for a successful Christmas Season and that the coming of the New Year will find success crowning your every effort.

WORTH'S SHOE SHOP

EXPERT PLUMBERS

On Call All Day

Phone 268

Complete Line of Supplies

CURTIS Plumbing Co.

2306 4th Ave.

THE PEACE AND CONTENTMENT OF

Christmas

Would that the spirit of Christmas remain with each of us throughout the days of the coming year. What joy and happiness would be in store for all. It would lead to a better world, a more complete understanding of the problems of our loved ones and friends, a happier life.

May each of us, in our own way, resolve to carry the spirit of the Nativity in our hearts, maintaining the cheer of Christmas all through the year.

EVELYN'S BEAUTY SHOP

May Christmas be Long and a Merry One --- A Season You will Always Remember.

Buffalo Food Store

OLYMPIC

"The House of Good Pictures"

THURSDAY - FRIDAY

"THE GREAT JOHN L."

Linda Darnell — Greg. McClure

Also News — Selected Shorts

SATURDAY

"Crime Doctors Warning"

W. Baxter — Dusty Anderson

Comedies—Serial

SATURDAY MIDNIGHT

SUNDAY — MONDAY

"BLOOD ON SUN"

JAMES CAGNEY — SYLVIA SIDNEY

Also News — Selected Shorts

Sunday Show Continuous from 1:30 p. m.

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

"MEDAL FOR BENNY"

Dorothy Lamour

Arture De Cordova

Selected Shorts

THURSDAY - FRIDAY

"And Then There Were None"

B. Fitzgerald — W. Huston

Also News — Selected Shorts